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Senate passes budget

College loses \$97,918 from coffers

By AARON DESLATTÉ
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —The Missouri Senate on Monday gave approval to the state's operating budget for the fiscal 1999 year, while cutting \$5 million from higher education.

The Senate was required to cut approximately \$20 million from the House's version of the bill due to over-budgeting while the bill was in the House.

The Senate budget total of \$15.9 billion, up from \$14.9 billion appropriated last year, includes \$319 million that will be refunded to taxpayers under the constitutional revenue limit.

The budget approved by the Senate is \$8.2 million less than the the state operating budget recommended by

Gov. Mel Carnahan and \$24 million less than the House version of the budget.

Missouri Southern's operating budget was lowered by \$97,918 to \$19,870,071 for the fiscal year. The drop is not expected to impact Southern's services because the money cut from the College's budget had not been recommended by Carnahan and was placed there inappropriately, according to state budget director Mark Ward.

"The \$5 million added to higher education's appropriation in the House's version came from a one-time formula for the governor's common library system platform," Ward said.

Ward said the House took money recommended for one-time use and placed it in a continuing budget that would require the money to be paid out each year.

While suggesting the College would most likely not get the money back when the House and Senate converge to forge the final budget, Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said it

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STUDENT SENATE

Executive positions up for grabs

Current vice president, student regent vying for president's seat

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Candidates vying for the top spot on Missouri Southern's Student Senate are taking different approaches to campaigning.

With tickets already formed, every position will be contested in Monday's and Tuesday's elections except the secretary's seat.

Running for next year's Senate presidency are senior psychology major Jesse DeGonia and sophomore mathematics education major Christin Mathis. DeGonia is vice president of the Senate this year, while Mathis is the student regent.

Junior music education major Nate Camp and junior marketing major Jason Hogan are hoping to fill the vice president's slot.

Junior economics and finance major Chad Brown and senior biology/nursing major Laura Wilhelm are vying for treasurer.

Sophomore computer information science major Heather Vannaman is the only candidate for secretary.

DeGonia, Hogan, and Brown are running together under the "smiley face campaign," which DeGonia cites as a good description of what College life should be.

"We're here to have a good time and learn," he said.

DeGonia says he hopes to make a difference on campus in more ways than one.

"I would like us to have a more unified campus," he said. "I also know there are a lot of student concerns that

have not been met. I think a lot of people are afraid to take on the administration, but I'm not."

Hogan also says he's heard a lot of student complaints and would like to do something about them.

"December graduation is a good example of what can be done through Senate for the students," he said.

Mathis, Camp, Vannaman, and Wilhelm are also running together. They are advocating change and students' rights mixed with administrative cooperation.

"If we are elected as leaders, we want to set the precedent of Student Senate being hard workers, people of integrity, and representatives of the entire student body," Mathis said. "I've experienced in my Board of Regents position that the administration is very receptive to student concerns. They just want to know, and we want to be the ones to tell them." □

PLAY US A SONG, YOU'RE THE ...



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Piano repairman David Vanderhoofven fixes a string after a performance during the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition. The MSIPC ends with a gala performance Saturday.

GLENN D. DOLENCE AWARDS

Rogers lands top leader honor

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After six years of college and compiling a laundry list of achievements, Elizabeth Rogers was given an award she probably least expected.

After 20 students received recognition for their leadership at the Glenn D. Dolence Leadership/Service Recognition Assembly, Rogers, senior music education major, was awarded Outstanding Leader Wednesday afternoon by Missouri Southern President Julio Leon.

"I didn't do all of these things to get an award at the end," she said.

The event was sponsored by the Student Services Offices and Omicron Delta Kappa.

"These students have gone beyond the classroom and made major contributions to the College," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students.

The recipients were all nominated by faculty or staff for their work outside the classroom and were from various majors.

"It's nice to know somebody appreciates what you've done," Rogers said.

Other students honored were: Alan Brady, Stephen Crane, Danny Craven, Imma Curl, Leesa Eldred, Jennifer Ertel, Luke Farley, Kristopher Graves, Steve Gurley, Richard Hayes, Zachary Kuhlmann, Kathleen Latlip, Robin McAlester, Katherine Ray, Deana St. Clair, Amanda Shaw, Kena Sneathern, Heidi Stevens, Jennafer Stokes, and Harvetta Way. □

ENROLLMENT

Southern looking at Internet for relief

By BRIAN PALMER
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Students have been lamenting the enrollment process since the dawn of higher education.

The system used at Missouri Southern has come under fire if late due to the inception of World Wide Web enrollment at Pittsburg State University and other colleges.

"It's a direction we want to go in," said Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services. "I really wouldn't venture an estimate on time, and the reason is we're heavily involved in the year 2000 change."

Students looking for self-enrollment from the Web are in for a disappointment. Any system Southern adopts for enrollment will include adviser input, according to Earney.

This is not inconsistent with other schools. PSU's system requires an adviser code number that can be obtained only from consultation with a student's faculty adviser. An adviser can enroll the student on the spot, or the student can go to any computer with Internet access, on or off campus, and enroll.

"A majority of students go to campus and enroll," said Dr. Lee Christensen, registrar at PSU.

So far approximately 4,000 students have enrolled for PSU's fall semester. Students and faculty have reacted well to the new system, according to Christensen.

"It's been a success," he said. "If you can please faculty — that's the hard one — and they're very pleased."

The University of Missouri-Columbia also offers Internet enrollment, as well as on dedicated enrollment terminals on campus and

telephone enrollment. Of these three, telephone enrollment is the most popular.

"About 15 percent enroll in person, 25 percent at the Web site, and about 60 percent on the phone," said Gary Smith, director of admissions and registrar at UMC.

He said one of the advantages of enrolling on the Web site as opposed to on the telephone is that a student can print his or her schedule and fee statement. Students are not required to see an adviser before enrolling, unless that student's file has been "flagged" as a problem, such as academic probation.

Conversely, Truman State University requires students to consult with an adviser and have that adviser sign the student's permit to enroll. Then the student must go to

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STUDENT LIFE BEAT

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'Sound' barrier broken with help from student interpreters

By MICHAEL RASKA
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Contestants for the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition must face more than the challenge of the competition. Coming from all around the world, some of them experience the great wall of the language barrier.

Jan Divoky, a competitor in the junior division from the Czech Republic, is visiting the United States for the first time.

"I was learning English at my junior high school and that was three years ago," Divoky said. "In Czech they teach the British English, so coming here to Missouri and hearing the way people speak here is very different."

The teaching of English in the Czech Republic varies in many ways, he said. The teachers there don't pay attention to the pronunciation and have strong accents.

"The biggest challenge for me is not

to speak English, but to understand others," Divoky said. "Although it is challenging, I can deal with it. I think my English will improve a lot from this week alone."

To help students like Divoky and others, several international students from Southern will translate for them.

"I feel very good to help my fellow members of my country," said Alexandra Pavlova, junior art major from Czech Republic. "I know when I got here for the first time it was also

difficult for me to express myself and get my point across."

Learning English is a constant process, and there are new words learned each day, she said. Nevertheless, understanding and speaking is much easier now.

Pavlova, who has been in the United States for four years, plans to use her English in her future job.

"Knowledge of a foreign language is a necessity now, and as the world reaches to countries like the Czech

Republic, there will be more opportunities for anyone who is fluent in English," she said.

Translators from Southern are a big help for families hosting the piano competitors.

"We could not do it without them," said Susan Ramsour, MSIPC host mother. "They are a tremendous help that puts the host family and the competitor at ease. They make the

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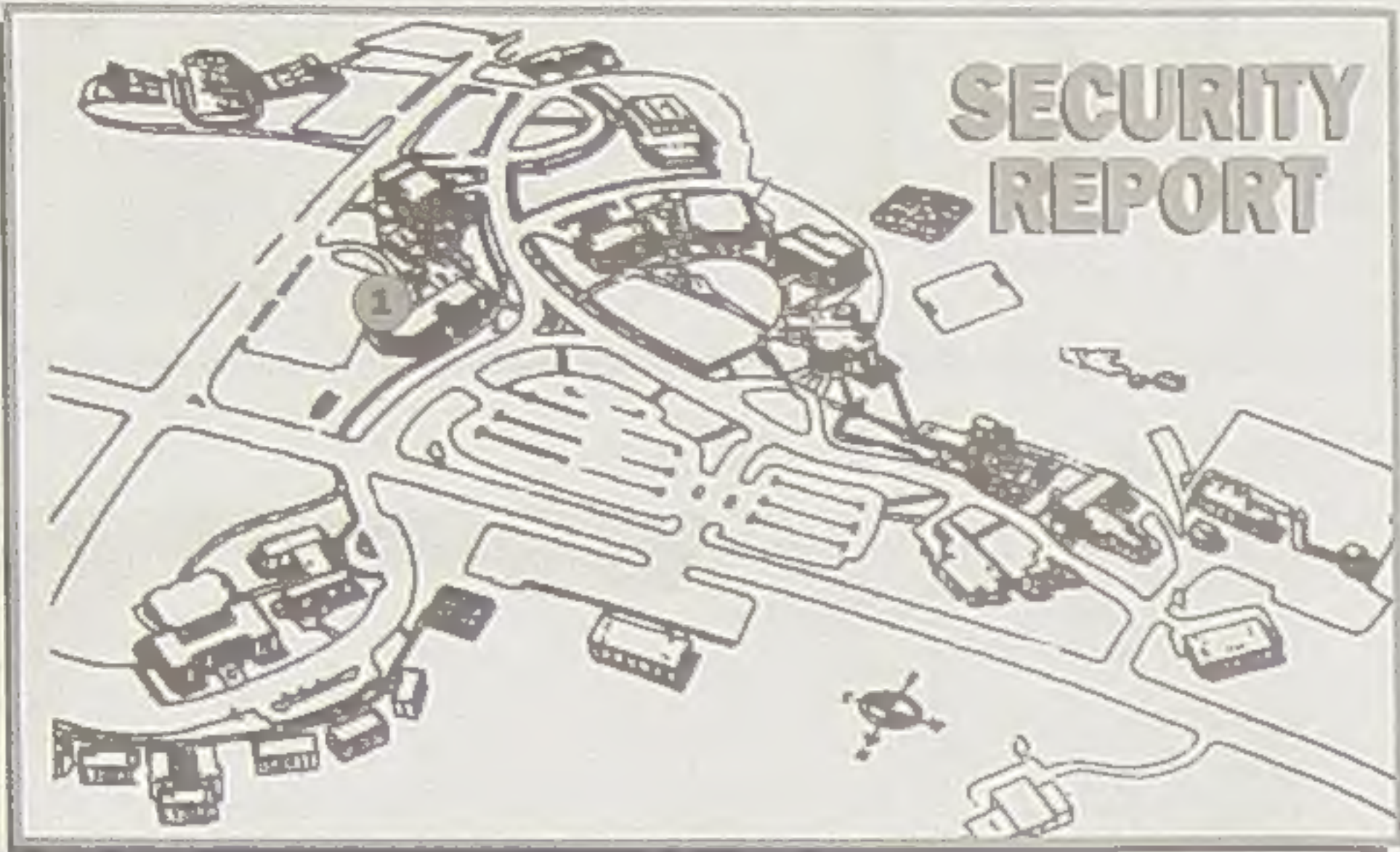
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CAREER SERVICES

Graduation brings stress

Counselors offer options to seniors

By HEATHER OWENS
STAFF WRITER

Graduation is approaching, and for those students nervous about life after graduation, career services and the counseling center want to help.

Susan Craig, counselor and coordinator of College Orientation, and Kristy Jackson, career services coordinator, both say this is the time of year most students flood their offices with questions and issues concerning graduation.

"Students are coming in my office saying they just aren't sure what they are going to do," Craig said. "We hear questions concerning life issues, getting married, and moving away."

Craig and Jackson scheduled a workshop Wednesday at noon, but no students attended. Jackson said

this may have been a bad time for students because of the many other activities planned at this time.

Due to many inquiries from students, the lack of attendance does not mean there is a lack of need.

Craig said the workshop was a "complete student idea." Both Craig and Jackson said they have been approached by several nervous students and hoped to reach them through this program.

Jackson said the most frequently asked questions about life after graduation are: "What can I do with my major? How do I go about applying for jobs? How do I find job leads? What do I need to know about graduate school? What can I do to ease the pain of relocating?"

Jackson said relocating can be a great fear to many students. She and her husband relocated to Joplin from South Dakota. She recommends a Web site at www.big-book.com that contains information about any city.

"I want students to have an awareness that the things they are experiencing are completely normal," Craig said.

She said there are many transitions incurred by students when leaving college and entering the work force. Some stressful changes include family expectations, changes in relationship with a significant other, and the necessity of facing other life issues such as marriage and moving.

"If the issues arising from these changes are not resolved, they can lead to severe stress and even depression," Craig said.

Craig and Jackson encourage apprehensive students with these similar questions to make an appointment with either the counseling center or career services so they can visit with them on an individual basis.

"Everyone has different issues," Jackson said. "We want students to realize that there are people here to help." □

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INFORMATION SERVICES

Upgrade makes for smooth surfing

By JEFF BILLINGTON
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Being booted off the Internet while cruising through cyberspace may no longer be a complaint of Missouri Southern students and employees.

Over spring break, Southern's Internet software was upgraded using Border Services software in order to allow for more users to remain connected to the Internet at one time.

Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, said before the upgrade the system was limited to around 350 users at any one time.

Now, the system has a 5,000-user limit, which cannot be met hypothetically since the total number of

computers on campus is less than 1,000.

Dennis Herr, assistant professor of computer information science, said he has seen a large influx in the number of people using the system since the software upgrade.

Earney said besides allowing more users to log on at one time, there is another benefit this new system offers.

"It's going to help productivity in the classroom," he said. "It has a feature called caching."

Earney said when an instructor sends a class to a specific site, the first computer to download it simply will share it with others.

"It copies Web sites from one computer to others," he said.

Earney said it will save time so the class does not have to wait for

all the computers to download the page.

Since the upgrade, there have been a few mix-ups that have caused some minor problems in the system.

"The first CD they sent us was limited to 100 users, and we're getting upward to 500 people at a time using it, so then what they sent us was 5,000 licenses," Earney said. "That 5,000 licenses has really made it good, but now the students are saying it's running slower."

He said this is probably caused by the fact the server is being stretched so much farther to accommodate all of the extra users.

Earney said over the summer Southern will replace the existing server with a new more powerful

one that should clear up most of the speed problems.

"More horsepower always makes it better," Herr agreed.

Earney said the server connects all of these individual users to the Internet using a single T-1 line, a high-speed fiber optic line.

Herr believes the huge use increase of the T-1 line could also have something to do with the slowdown.

"Everybody's guaranteed access, so they're all going through that one T-1 line," he said.

Earney said the number of computers will have to greatly increase before the T-1 line situation will need to be improved.

"If we get to 1,200 or 1,300 computers on campus, we might have to lease a second T-1," he said.

"Everybody's guaranteed access, so they're all going through that one T-1 line situation will need to be improved."

Dennis Herr
Assistant professor
computer information
science

OXFORD TRIP

Southern names students to make annual voyage

Students, instructors etch names onto list for Oxford, Cambridge Study Program

By BETH HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

Over the past 11 summers, more than 210 students and 25 faculty from Missouri Southern have made an annual pilgrimage to England, not to pay homage to Chaucer, but to participate in the Oxford/Cambridge Study Program.

Joining the ranks this year are 11 students and two faculty who will select Oxford or Cambridge.

"We choose students from a pool of students each fall who have a 3.5 GPA or above," said Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research.

Students must be a junior or senior by the spring semester.

"It's been a lifetime dream of mine," said Kelly McLees, senior elementary education major.

McLees will study in Oxford July 27 to Aug. 11. She will take a class on The English Village.

"I've been to England before and only had three or four days there," she said.

"I was really interested in the architecture and people, and I wanted to learn about it more in depth."

McLees will attend classes in the mornings and have her afternoons free to sightsee.

"I want to see as many villages as I can," she said. "I'm trying to plan a weekend trip to Ireland."

Angela Lavery, senior psychology major, travels to Oxford July 5-25.

"I'm going primarily because I've spent most of my life in the Midwest and I want to be

"We choose students from a pool of students each fall who have a 3.5 GPA or above."

Dr. Delores Honey
Director of assessment
and institutional research

exposed to different cultures," she said. "I want to see how a different way of life affects people."

Lavery will take a class on the Lake Poets and the Vision of Nature.

"I've always been fascinated by poetry and it's something that's soothing to me," she said. "Oxford has always been a place of interest to me. A lot of great scholars attended there, and I'd like to see the environment where their minds were cultured."

Other students going are Linda Hall, early childhood education major; Jenny Jecman, sociology major; Christin Mathis, mathematics and social science education major; Teresa Bland, communications major; Michael Langland, criminal justice major; Shawna McDaniel, elementary education major; Christopher Moennig, accounting major; Matthew Stephens, accounting major; and Tom Troth, criminal justice major.

Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the psychology department, and Sam Claussen, associate professor of theatre, are the faculty participants.

RUN LIKE THE WIND



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Angela Vann, East Newton, was one of several athletes competing in the Special Olympics Friday at Fred G. Hughes Stadium. See related story on page

TEACHER EDUCATION

Seniors meet prospective employers during annual job fair

By MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

When 70 school districts visited, senior education majors had a wonderful opportunity to meet prospective employers and secure a job after graduation.

The 14th annual event took place Tuesday in the Billingsly Student Center and was open to all graduating seniors and Missouri Southern alumni. Jennifer Yazell, director of career services, said the event gives students interested in becoming teachers a chance to meet with administrators from various school districts and hand out résumés.

"The job fair gives students an excellent opportunity to meet prospective employers and use their networking skills," she said.

"Many of the district representatives have teaching vacancies and are eager to collect résumés from the students."

The seniors were required to bring 40 résumé copies to the job fair.

"The program has always been very successful," Yazell said. "Most of our students get jobs soon after graduating. It is a great professional development opportunity. We are extremely proud of the teaching program at Southern, and are currently No. 1 in the district."

Although he has never been to a job fair, Terry Tuck, senior elementary education major, is looking forward to attending next year's event.

"I have heard good things about the program, and I would like to have a chance to meet prospective employers when I graduate next year," he said.

Al Cade, assistant to the dean of education, remembered his first experience with a job fair.

"My senior year I went to a job fair and was hired," he said. "You never know what the experience may bring. Last year we had a group of administrators from California, and three students from Southern were hired and are now teaching there. Word has really spread about Southern's program."

Many undergraduates may observe the procedures that go on at the fair, but most graduating seniors use this time to set initial job interviews or conduct interviews on the spot, Cade said.

The teacher education department is not the only area of learning responsible for Southern's reputation.

"I credit the social sciences and art

departments for taking part in the student's behavior, because they play a vital role in the profession of teaching," Cade said. "Jennifer Yazell also does a great job of teaching students poise and proper dress, which are part of the professional image of a teacher, and first impressions are lasting impressions, so it is important for the student to learn all areas of education. Southern does a fine job of turning out well-prepared graduates."

Also an important part of meeting prospective employers is learning their philosophy on teaching, said Leesa Eldred, senior middle school education major.

"I went to the fair to get information about different school districts and see what their philosophy is and if it matches mine," she said. "This is important to know when you are preparing a career in teaching."

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

College sets sights on new cafeteria above Student Life Center

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

Just one week after groundbreaking for Missouri Southern's new athletic center, construction is set to begin on a new cafeteria above the current Student Life Center.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said crews will be begin

clearing an access road from Duquesne to the SLC as early as this week.

The project will include construction of a new cafeteria.

"The road will primarily be used for construction and loading docks," Tiede said. "The road will also tie into the existing parking lot. The earth mover has been able to go from the athletic center to

the cafeteria. Other aspects may even begin as early as next week."

Construction of the cafeteria is expected to take 18 months.

Deb Gipson, Student Life Center director, said she is glad to see the project start, even though it will mean closing for the summer months.

"We're hoping to finish out the semester before we close it off,"

she said. "That's not very long. Granted it will be an inconvenience, I don't think anyone will be up in arms about it though. We are all excited in lieu of what is coming, we'll put up with a little inconvenience."

Tiede said the 466-seat addition will be more convenient for students living in the residence halls.

"Just to have it almost outside

their door will be nice," Tiede said. "It will be pretty handy. We're also tremendously expanding the size."

Initial plans for the current cafeteria area include housing an expanded snack bar. Tiede said moving the snack bar to the second floor of Billingsly Student Center would make room to expand the bookstore.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Senior art exhibits slated to begin Sunday

Senior art students will begin their senior exhibits Sunday at the Spiva Art Gallery of Missouri Southern. Areas of work such as graphic design, painting, sculpture, drawing, jewelry, ceramics, and print making will be included in the cross-section of exhibit materials.

Receptions for the art majors will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. this Sunday and the Sundays of May 3 and 10. Exhibit hours are 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The projects of Susan McConnell, Michelle Logan, Genessis Wilson, Rick Bennett, Amy Shepherd, and Bobbie Snodgrass will be showing Sunday through Friday. Steve Schneider, Mike Barnhart, Barbara Stilabower, Tiffany Caywood, Scott Hall, and Sean Fitzgibbon will take the middle showing time from May 3-8. Finally, Terese Mlakar, Idalie Jansson, Mark Schmidt, Jana Yust, Wayne Barnes, and Kathie Carpenter will show their exhibits from May 10-15.

College doles out grants for eleven students

Eleven Missouri Southern students received research grants from the student research grant committee for the spring 1998 semester. Grants were awarded in amounts from \$75-\$700.

Daniel Whitford, senior psychology major, presented research at the Great Plains Student Research Conference in Lincoln, Neb., in March on the "Mozart Effect." His research was designed to explore the relationship between an increase in spatial abilities and a potential decrease in reading comprehension.

Four students will attend the Automotive Engineers (SAE) Aero Design Competition June 4-8 in Long Beach, Calif. Representing the Chi Epsilon Phi (pre-engineering/physics/chemistry) club will be Jonathan Shull, Cal Browning, Chris Baker, and Matt Kissel.

Amanda Costley-Drake and Gretchen Leggett, junior biology majors, received grants for their study on the impact of food irradiation on microbial content and taste. Senior nursing majors Donna Nelson and Celeste Nonnweiler researched topics related to nursing students and graduates.

Christy Doubledde, senior psychology major, studied the relationship between the type of payment from customers and treatment by grocery store cashiers. Ken Kuschel and Josh Unkie, both senior psychology majors, conducted research on the use of caffeine and potential gender bias in diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder.

English department sponsors public lecture

Albert Cook, a distinguished member of the faculty at Brown University, will present a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Webster Hall, Room 105. Cook will speak on "The Dialectic Openness and Closure in the Oedipus Plays of Sophocles."

Cook is actively engaged in research and writing, especially in the areas of comparative literature and classics. He is the author of many books, including such seminal texts as *The Classic Line* (1966), dealing with epic poetry; *Myth and Language* (1980); and more recently, *The Reach of Poetry* (1995). Among his more widely known productions is a verse translation of Homer's *Odyssey*, now in its second edition in the Norton Critical Editions series. He has also explored the intersections of literature and the visual arts.

Cook's visit is sponsored by the English department and made possible by a grant from Missouri Southern's faculty development program.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

'Seinfeld' finale marks end of era

In a matter of weeks some close personal friends will be leaving our lives. That's right, the end of "Seinfeld" is almost upon us. For the past nine seasons we have never been asked to cry or learn, only sit back and enjoy. For five years we have been a generation emulating the whines, the shakes, and the gestures of four wacky people. The greatest part of Thursday night has been to sit down and watch people take our every-day conversations and thoughts and turn them into a sitcom. Every one of us can relate to "So what's the deal with..."



Nick Parker
Managing Editor

"Seinfeld" has defined a generation. The time has come to move on. The time has come to pray there won't be a bad spinoff. Typically spinoffs are bad.

There have been a few that have managed to maintain the audience appeal and continue to entertain us. "Knott's Landing", "Mork and Mindy", "Laverne and Shirley", "The Jeffersons", "Frasier", and don't forget all three "Star Trek" spinoffs.

Rumor has it Michael Richards will attempt to slide and shake through the door of the spinoff world. I like Kramer, we all like Cosmo. Who doesn't dream of slacking through life and living on a whim?

Think about it, next season we could all sit around and watch Kramer tour the nation in On the Road with Kramer.

Not only will Kramer carry on the "Seinfeld" tradition, but he might even be a link to the days of Charles Kuralt. Truthfully I feel for Richards. In two weeks the 1997-98 *Chart* season will draw to a close, and with it the end of another era.

The difference for me is the characters in my show have slowly come and gone as if they were a part of my girlfriend's favorite soap opera.

Genie Undernehr left for a better deal (a paying gig) in Jefferson City after graduating in December of 1996.

Undernehr was kind of like our Elaine — she looked a little odd on the dance floor. I lost Jerry, Rick Rogers, after last season, and now I prepare myself for the loss of one of the most likable, unethical characters in the history of television, George.

Jake Griffin has been our George. He's a little hefty and always trying to find a way to stick it to the system.

Next year, in my ascension to the helm of *The Chart*, I will attempt to carry on with my own show.

No longer will I have the security from including my friends in the daily schemes to get a quick buck. No longer will I be able sit in front of the boob tube and watch Jerry and the gang hold the same contests my friends and I once held. No longer can I claim to have won that contest.

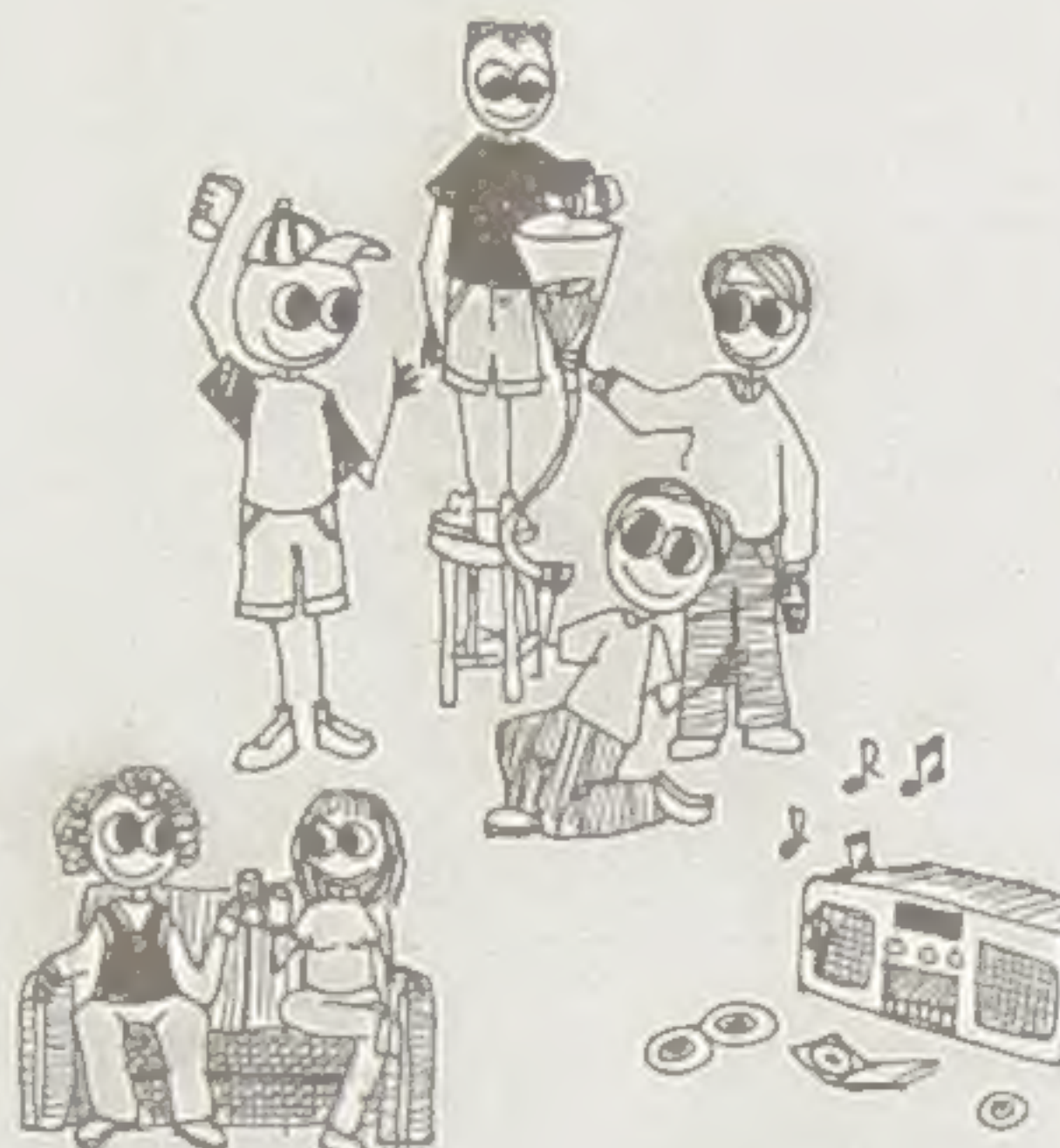
No more will I slide into Jake's office and take things as if they were my own. No more will the boredom of Genie's job become a comic routine. No more will I laugh at Rick's quirky view of society.

Next fall Cosmo may decide to fly solo. When September rolls around it will mark the beginning of my own spinoff. I'll start a show of my own. A new cast will carry us through the "Most See" time slot.

I just hope the writers don't try to copy the format from "After M*A*S*H." □



Where do you think Southern students get "cultured?"



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Get some culture people

Let it never be said there is nothing to do in this town, or on this campus for that matter, ever again. Try as it might, the College has given the student body two phenomenal cultural events that could both entertain and broaden the horizons of students.

The Missouri Southern International Piano Competition is in full swing and the student response has been completely less than enthusiastic. And the students who are involved are only doing it for extra credit. Same goes for the Harry and Berniece Gockel International Symposium last week.

Students just don't realize how valuable these events can be to their education outside 50 extra credit points for government class.

Students look at these types of events as a waste of valuable television watching or beer-guzzling time. Contrary to what the network executives and distillery owners would have you believe, watching "Ally McBeal" and drinking Michelob is

not culture. It's just as cultural as swilling Keystone Light and watching a monster truck rally.

As college students we are not immune to new experiences. One thing can still change the course of our lives forever. One of the students competing in this year's MSIPC only began playing piano two years ago after he attended an MSIPC performance.

The door is never closed on the future. A nursing major may find something special in some event they happen by and decide a new course of study.

But Southern students will never know. They are simply apathetic to anything that doesn't involve the possibility of extra credit or to which they cannot wear their jeans and T-shirts.

It's a sad state of affairs when one of the most internationally recognized musical competitions goes completely unnoticed by the student body and is shown up by the almost

Squeezing the teat tightly

Yet another installment in the ongoing saga of Missouri Southern's state funding has unfolded this week in Jefferson City.

What inspires more attention than the funding the College did not receive is the lack of attention this latest cut has generated.

It appears College officials and students alike are tired of getting their hopes up for the magic carpet ride of financial bliss which has been continually pulled out from under their feet.

Granted, no budget or capital improvement allocation is final until Gov. Carnahan signs on the dotted line, but this year's roller coaster ride of proposed state funding has seen more peaks and valleys than a Ross Perot presidential campaign.

And for Southern students, the prospect of actually getting some of the money being waved in their faces is looking less likely than that quirky Texas billionaire's 2001 mailbox reading 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

First, there was a recommendation that Southern get \$6.3 million for the renovation of Spiva Library and Ummel Technology Building. Then that funding became scarce in light of a lawsuit revolving around state gaming facilities. Everybody cried for their spilled-milk money. No sooner had the funds disappeared when legislators found they could

pinch their pennies somewhere else. Now nobody knows if the College will get the library face-lift.

Then the House of Representatives finds \$5 million not being used anywhere else and splits the booty between all the state colleges and universities. But before Southern has time to rebalance its checkbook, the Senate strips the funding away.

This week's events will affect criminal justice majors more than other students. Of the approximately \$98,000 cut from the College's budget, \$37,000 was going to the Southern Crime Lab. The money, dumped into the continuing budget by the House apparently without considering the funds were a one-time allocation, could have been used by the lab for anything and would have gone a long way to relieve the steadily increasing workloads generated by methamphetamine busts.

The remaining \$61,000, while seemingly infinitesimal compared to the College's nearly \$20 million budget, was a general allocation and could have been used for anything from routine maintenance to Biology Pond boat-rides.

The point is nobody's crying over the latest spilled milk because the carton's been left out too long. The contents no longer look as appealing, and nobody wants to get their hopes up that Milkman Carnahan will remember to make a stop at little Missouri Southern in between trips to his state revenue teat. □

IN PERSPECTIVE

Placing value on art puts it in our lives

In the Theatre Appreciation course that I teach, students of the last few years have refused to name standards for art. Possible reasons for this obstinacy are manifold: No. 1, they don't give a rip; No. 2, they don't think the subject is relevant; No. 3, they don't believe they should determine standards.

The foremost argument against assigning values to distinguish good art from bad art is that art is in the "eye of the beholder," and in deference to the personal tastes or truths of others no standard should be asserted. Now here's the problem in my perspective. Has our respect for tolerance and multiculturalism caused us to move away from value judgment and the search for truth?



Pat Kluthe
Assistant Director of Honors Program

William Perry in his study of the intellectual and ethical development of college students states that normally they progress from dualism to multiplicity to contextual relativism to commitment, which is the final and "desirable" stage. At this point students are capable of responsible knowing, in which truth may be ascertained by looking at diverse frameworks. Perry says they should be skeptical, empathetic, and self-aware at this stage.

My point is not whether we should establish standards for art, but how future learning may be impacted by a mind-set that personal truths disallow or obviate other truth/truths. If we believe that multiple truths are the stopping place, then we will not be apt to move to responsible knowing.

OK — I've lost most of you by now — can't blame you. But what I am concerned with is not *what* we think, but *how* we think. If respect for multiple viewpoints or truths means there is no further truth to glean, then any man's personal truth might be all there is. The principle here is that in our determination to include all truths in the academic forum (a good thing to do), we may, in our explaining, explain away further or ultimate truth (a bad thing to do). While multiple views and personal truths may create a way of seeing, they may also create a way of NOT seeing.

If this multicultural mindset (a good thing) stalls (a bad thing), then those who see the world from this viewpoint could insist that any man's values may be the collective and ultimate values. Recently a *Chart* editorialist called the campus' attention to the "whiteness" of a varsity team here, arguing that the coach accept others' "values" or preferences (an earring and a disinterest in serving the community) as viable and personal truths. For the coach to recognize these values or truths as personal and perhaps minimally collective, is a good thing. But to act upon the acceptance of this view of reality as the *only* or ultimate reality would be a bad thing.

Encouraging, even insisting upon, a further search for what is true, real, and valuable is what higher education should be about. Personal truth does not equal ultimate truth. To stop at a multiplicity of personal truth as the truth yields a fallow and arid place. If the continued search is no longer necessary, then ideas (multiple and complex though they be) will stagnate and decay, poisoning future growth.

More and more I see the wisdom of C.S. Lewis, who contends that "the task of the educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts." □

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GLASS REPAIR

Couple offers roadside repair

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Heading down I-44, a rock breaks loose from a truck's tire tread and chips the windshield of the car following behind; the truck driver continues down the road, oblivious to the car's damage.

Glass is a fragile material, and experiences such as this occur regularly on state, interstate, county, and city highways, roads, and streets.

While traveling Range Line on a sunny day, a pickup sitting in the exit lane of a parking lot, is hard not to notice. The pickup sports the sign, "Windshield Repair."

"It's like putting liquid into a jar. The air has to come to the top."

Eric Dobson
Co-owner
Advanced Glass
Technologies

This is the business place of Eric and Sandra Dobson's Advanced Glass Technologies.

"We're an in-home business with a mobile service," said Eric Dobson, co-owner.

The Dobsons believe they can fix almost any cracked or rock-chipped windshield, while the owner waits. The process is performed using air, resin, and ultra-violet rays.

UV-ray activated resin injections are forced into the chip or crack of the windshield.

A regulator pumps air from the injection system, allowing the resin to displace the air in the crack.

As the resin bonds into the glass, the sun's UV-rays dry the resin, hardening it.

"It's like putting liquid into a jar," Eric Dobson said. "The air has to come to the top."

Tookie Hartshorn, El Paso, Texas, invented the glass repair



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Dobson, co-owner of Advanced Glass Technologies, repairs a windshield in a parking lot along Range Line Road.

technique, about 10 years ago. The Dobsons learned it from her about three and a half years ago, and have turned it into a profitable business for themselves.

In about 80 hours per month, they say they can earn about \$2,000 to \$3,000.

A large percentage of their business is conducted in parking lots, where they set up to advertise, and work from their pickups. They often make appointments to travel to clients' homes.

With Hartshorn's method, they can repair cracks up to 32 inches and longer, saving their customers the expense of a replacement windshield.

"Thirty-two inches is about as far as we like to go with an average car," Eric Dobson said.

The reason for this general rule is because longer cracks require more resin, which could raise the price of repairing the glass of the average car, into the range of buying a new glass.

"Say, a Cavalier compared to a Jaguar," Eric Dobson said. "The windshield [replacement cost] for the Cavalier is \$200,

while for the Jaguar it's \$1,200 or \$1,400.

Even if the crack ran three quarters of the way across the windshield [of the Jaguar], they'd prefer to have us drill and stop it, and fill it, so it fades away between 50 to 80 percent [of replacement cost], and pay us \$120, than to pay to have a replacement put in."

The cost of the Dobsons' repair starts at five dollars per rock chip, and averages \$35-\$45, depending on the size of the crack, and is covered by most insurance plans. The average time it takes to complete a repair is 15-25 minutes.

Being self-employed enables the Dobsons to spend more time with their three children.

"I take them [the children] with me," Sandra Dobson said. "They give me a lot of help."

On most days, unless it's raining, Sandra Dobson parks her half of the business along Range Line, while her husband, who also works part time as a diesel mechanic at MTM, sets up shop in Carthage.

They are teaching the repair method, which takes about two weeks to learn, to a Grove, Okla., woman. □

Nuts & Bolts

Car dream lingers on

I've always felt my taste in cars has lingered slightly in the past. The vehicles of my dreams live in a time that passed long ago and will never again be realized.

The automobiles that have always held this fascination for me are those classic smooth autos of the 1950s.

I trace my love for these vehicles that were produced some 20 years before my birth partially



Jeff Billington
Associate Editor

to the affection my father has for these cars of his youth.

And so from there my fascination blossomed into a curiosity and love for the autos of decade when America fell in love with the automobile.

Over the years several different cars have caught my attention and helped to revitalize the affections I have for these autos of the nuclear family.

I remember a '57 Chevy sitting in an old man's field. It had that irreplaceable glistening chrome and all its charm and charisma was still intact. I begged my dad to spend the \$500 for her, but he declined and I said goodbye to the once grand old lady of the road.

Many more of these cars followed. There was the '49 Merc, the '52 Hudson Hornet, the '55 Chevy, and the '56 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, but I never got to capture any of them.

So my life continued with me just sitting by and watching the Fords go by."

When I was about 10, the car of my future showed up. Boy, was it rough: a 1952 Chevrolet two-door deluxe that at one time had been a dark green, but now its paint was cracked and chipped and well-aged due to neglect and misuse.

The next few years of her life were spent sitting in the garage. And eventually she moved to an unused shed due to my insistence on saving her from the demon rust. So there she stayed safe yet unsafe, sitting quietly and non objecting to a slow, certain demise.

So last summer on a trip to visit my father, I inquired about her. He told me she was still there and he had considered selling her. When I heard this, fear rushed through me and I immediately began working to make her mine.

Much to my surprise, when I left there that day I was the proud owner of a 1952 Chevy.

In the months following my acquisition of this piece of American history, my mind has raced with ideas of what I will do with this former highway cruiser.

If I squint my eyes, I can see her chattered out and rolling down the highway reimmersing herself in the world where she has been long forgotten.

I see a car that I can keep for the rest of my life and take care of her as if she was my child.

But alas, so far this remains a dream, an unrealized hope for my future to bring this car that is so close to death back to life and for me to get a chance to personally relive a time long gone when the American dream was still a reality. □

FACTORY REBATES

Ford offers graduates incentives to purchase models

Car manufacturers hitting colleges to find customers

By MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

College graduates running low on money will have the opportunity to save some cash.

Ford is offering a \$400 discount on the lease or purchase of any 1997, 1998, or 1999 Ford or Mercury car, mini-van, pickup, or SUV.

Ford is offering this incentive to help build long-term relationships and loyalty, according to Ross Roberts, Ford Motor Company vice president and general manager. Another reason is to help college graduates enter the workplace with some compensation.

"We want to help people fresh out of college who are career-minded to have a good start in life," said Jim Lewis of Joplin Ford.

He said the most popular vehicles among college-age customers are the Ranger pickup, Explorer, Contour, ZX2, and Mustang. These models account

for more than 60 percent of College Graduate Program purchases.

Any student who recently graduated or will graduate from a four-year college, junior college, community college, nursing school, or trade school between Oct. 1, 1996, and Jan. 5, 1999, is eligible to apply for the offer, as well as students enrolled in graduate school.

Mustangs continue to be one of the most popular choices among graduates.

Sales for the car have increased 30 percent since the beginning of the 1998 model year in October.

According to Roberts, it's simple why the Mustang is popular.

"For 1998, we offered the customer more Mustang for the money," he said. "The customer response was almost immediate, but the magnitude of the response was greater than we expected."

The Mustang's value has been enhanced for 1998 with several popular items added in addition to standard equipment that includes air conditioning, premi-

um AM/FM stereo with cassette and compact disc player, power windows and door locks, remote keyless entry system, and aluminum 15-inch wheels.

The Mustang GT models include: power driver's seat, fog lamps, rear spoiler, leather-wrapped steering wheel, and cast aluminum 16-inch wheels. As a



MARLA HINKLE/The Chart

Michele Holloway, Missouri Southern art major, looks over a new Mustang, one of the models included in Ford's buying incentives program for new college graduates. More than 32,000 graduates used incentives in 1997.

result, the price of a comparable equipped V-6 Mustang coupe is \$1,345 lower than a 1997 model, and the V-6 convertible is \$1,680 lower.

"A lot of people are graduating to a Mustang," Roberts said. "Since its introduction in 1964, Mustang has appealed to a variety of people. Coupe or convertible,

V-6 or V-8, there's a Mustang for almost every budget."

The Mustang has been the best-selling car in its class for 12 consecutive years.

Nearly 7.5 million have sold in 14 years.

More than 32,000 college graduates took advantage of the program in 1997. □

VOLKSWAGEN

Original beetles becoming harder to locate in Joplin

By JEFF WELLS
STAFF WRITER

With the release of the new Volkswagen Beetle, the popularity of the old Bug is increasing.

The old model is becoming more scarce in the Joplin area. Sales of the new one to out-of-town customers and limited numbers threaten to make it an endangered species.

Kenny Sharp, owner of Sharp's Import Auto Centre and a Volkswagen enthusiast, said he has seen many older Beetles leave town.

"I've had a lot of people come here from the Midwest and buy them to take back East," he said.

Quality Bugs are becoming rare on the East Coast as rust claims older ones after years of exposure to salt in the air.

Some of the older Bugs met their demise locally, either parted out or converted into another machine.

"The early model Bug was converted into anything on God's green earth," Sharp said.

He said Beetles have saw new life as dune buggies and log splitters.

Sharp believes it is too early to tell whether the value of the old Bug will be affected by the new release.

"When they settle down and the bottom sticker price comes into par, that will be the interesting thing to what it will do to the value of the Bug," he said.

David Russell, Toyota-Volkswagen sales manager at Continental Auto Mall, said he has received only one new Beetle. He said the dealership should receive word of a new allocation within a week.

"Volkswagen, with the Bugs, have a hand-picked allocation system," he said. "They just don't have enough of them to go around."

Continental serves a large sales area, and with no Volkswagen dealer in Springfield, customers hunting new models must drive here.

As for a reason for limited production, Russell believes Volkswagen did not anticipate the wide appeal the new Bug has generated.

"I think that they did not expect the enthusiasm they got for this car," he said. "I've been in the car business for 20 years and this is as much enthusiasm as I have seen on a new car lot."

The owner of Joplin's Beetle allowed Continental to display the car for a week. During that time Russell said all ages were attracted to the next-generation Herbie.

"It's just a demographic blanket," he said. Russell said the draw of the Bug is providing other Volkswagen models with exposure and is increasing their popularity.

"The new ones have immense popularity," Sharp said. "They are coming out super strong. At an auction in Kansas City they are selling at \$5,000 over list." □

SPRING
CAMPUS
AND
AROUND



■ Spring Fling '98 will feature a Gyro, Bungee Run and Gladiators Joust from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 28 on the front campus

CAMPUS UTILITIES

Rates to experience summertime dive

High phone charges will soon evaporate

By JALYN HIGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Phone rates on campus are in the process of taking a drastic decline. According to Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, "the rates are going to go way down this summer and our anticipation is that more students will use it." The current rates were unpredictable and always changing. The cost was dependent upon the time of the call, the distance of the call, and the day of the week the call.

In the past, the average rate Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. was 30.46 cents per minute. When this new phone plan takes effect, the rate will be 25 cents per minute. Evening calls (after 5 p.m. Sunday through Friday) had cost students 22.23 cents per minute, and will be 15 cents per minute. The current night/weekend rate (after 11 p.m. on weekdays, all day Saturday, and until 5 p.m. on Sundays) is currently 19.72 cents per minute and will be a flat rate of 10 cents per minute. Joetta Wigger, junior speech communications major, believes there will be an increase in the use of long distance service by residence hall students because "the 10 cents

a minute won't include a service charge." Earney also believes an increase in campus phone use will occur because Missouri Southern does not charge a service fee like AT&T and MCI. "We anticipate we will get some of the callers back from AT&T when we make this switch," Earney said. He thinks another advantage of the new phone rates is the fact the College will charge only by the tenth of a second. For example, if a student made a long distance call lasting one minute and two seconds, that is exactly what he or she would be charged for. When using some other long distance carriers, the same call would

be rounded up to two minutes. "You are only being charged for what you actually use," Earney said. Wigger believes one can lose track of how much she owes. "I thought they've (her phone bills) been unreasonably high, and sometimes I never realized how high until I got my phone bill," she said. Most of Wigger's calls are made to Ft. Scott, Kan., where her boyfriend lives. Southern is offering one rate to in-state and out-of-state phone calls unlike Pittsburg State University. Paul Simon, assistant director of telecommunications at PSU, said the university charges 18 cents per minute for in-state calls, 32 cents

per minute for out-of-state calls, and 90 cents per minute for international calls. Ozark Christian College in Joplin offers even lower rates to campus residents. Its long distance phone rate is 15 cents per minute for in- and out-of-state calls. The amount per minute for each college and university is dependent upon who their long distance carrier is. Southern's new services will go through the state of Missouri, and free voice mail will still be available to students. Students are reminded any long distance carrier can still be used, but Earney warns that most long distance carriers have a service charge. This is not the case with Southern. □

THE BEAUTY OF NATURE



Campus Appreciation Week has helped to bring the beauty of the Missouri Southern campus into focus with lectures and contest.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Fling to finish in 'Greek' style

By JEFF BILLINGTON
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Perhaps one of the busiest Spring Fling in Missouri Southern's history is about to unfold next week. At least one activity will be featured each day of the week. "There is something everyday," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "Normally it's only one or two night-time things." This year's activities fit a variety of interests. On Monday the Psychology Club repeats its popular Cut-a-thon, offering \$5 haircuts by various local stylists from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the front campus. Tuesday features the gyro, bungee run, and gladiator joust from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the front campus. Wednesday, hypnotist Paul Parsons entertains at the Billingsly Student Center second-floor lounge at 2 p.m. Thursday brings free ice cream to the front campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Student Senate Casino Night in the Lions' Den from 6 to 9 p.m. On Friday the week's activities end with the all-campus picnic from 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and a toga party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., both on the front campus. Desiree Petersen, sophomore graphic communications major, said Campus Activities Board members have been working on Spring Fling activities for some time. "We started at the beginning of the spring semester, but a lot of our ideas formed in the fall semester," she said.

Petersen said some of the activities have only recently been planned. "We didn't get the hypnotist until about a week or two ago," she said. The toga party is one of the year's biggest activities, with \$50 prizes for the best and most creative togas. Patti Richardson, freshman theatre major, originally came up with the idea to have a toga party. "I just came up and said how about a toga dance," she said. "We thought it would go over well." Richardson, CAB dance chairman, is trying to make the dance as "Greek" as possible. "I'm trying to have everything in the dance be authentic," she said. "The food, the drinks, well, everything except the music there. You have to go with what everyone wants." Carlisle said the sound system will be provided but all the music for the party will be pot luck. "Everybody can bring the music they want," she said. "If they bring their own they can mix it up anyway they want." Petersen said a juggler will wander through the crowd at the picnic. "He'll go through the crowd and throw things at you and you'll have to throw it back," she said. Carlisle said all activities have been tested at Southern before and proved popular. She said the only thing that has not been tried before is the bring-your-own-music idea to the toga party. Petersen hopes students will attend all the activities. "We put a lot of work and time into these activities, and when people don't show up we feel unappreciated," she said. □

CAMPUS FEATURE

Teverow pegs culinary meccas from various excursions

By BETH HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

Travelers have the opportunity to broaden their horizons, open their minds to knowledge, and the chance to — eat. In fact, some people may be touted experts in fine cuisine. One such person is Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history. "I probably don't travel extensively, but when I do go to a different place, one of the things I'm most interested in is 'Where do you get good food?'" he said. Laura Teverow says her husband will often drive around until he finds a good place to eat, even if he is ravenous. "He waits until he's hungry to start looking and then looks for a good place," she said. "I wish he'd time it a little better." Teverow said he likes a variety of foods, especially breads and pastries. But no matter what type of restaurant he goes to, he has one stipulation. "They have to be very good at what they do," Teverow said. He provides a top eight list of recommended restaurants to help other famished travelers along the way. Included in this list are some eating establishments that are more affordable for college students who need to stay on a budget.

Bodean's Seafood in Tulsa gets his stamp of approval. "Even though I'm from New England and Rhode Island and I grew up around seafood restaurants, I think that's one of the best seafood restaurants I've ever been to," Teverow said. Another place he enjoys is The French Loaf in Columbus, Ohio. "It has some of the best French bread and pastries anywhere I've been, including most of the places I've been in France," he said. A place that is good and affordable hails from Teverow's home state of Rhode Island. Tweets, in Bristol, provides family-style pasta. "The spaghetti with clam sauce is some of the best I've ever had," he said. There is a little cafe near the Ohio Border in Sharon, Pa., whose name may be obscure, but Teverow remembers it as good food and a value. "I think for a dollar I got two cones and a bowl of soup," he said. "Then I got a huge bowl of rice pudding, which I'm very fond of, for another dollar." An elegant place to eat is nestled in the St. Francis Hotel in Santa Fe, N.M. It is a little more expensive to eat there. Teverow said Joplin is not devoid of nice restaurants, but it doesn't have a wide variety of foods compared to what metropolises have. "There are certainly some very good places

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here, especially if you like basic homestyle food," he said. The Teverows have one way to find a good restaurant. "I always look for pickup trucks in the parking lot," Laura Teverow said. "That usually means it's pretty good food. It might not be fancy, but it's good and cheap." She believes the most important aspect of a good restaurant is its cleanliness. "I don't care if it's the most wonderful place in the world, if it's dirty I'm outta there," she explained. □

TEVEROW'S TOP PICKS

1. Bodean's Seafood
Tulsa, Oklahoma
2. The French Loaf
Columbus, Ohio
3. Tweets
Bristol, Rhode Island
4. La Madelaine
New Orleans, Louisiana
5. The Blackboard
Bella Vista, Arkansas
6. Corky and Lenny's
Cleveland, Ohio
7. St. Francis Hotel
Santa Fe, New Mexico
8. Lockspur Inn
Lockspur Bay, California

JEFF BILLINGTON/The Chart

CAMPUS CALENDAR

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Jeff Billington at 625-9311.



Today 24	Saturday 25	Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30
9:20 a.m.— MSIPC senior semifinals, announcement of senior finalists, Webster Hall auditorium 11 a.m.— Biology Pond Lecture 7 p.m.— MSIPC junior finals, announcement of junior winners, Webster Hall auditorium	March of Dimes Walk, Hughes Stadium 9 a.m.— MSIPC senior finals, Taylor Auditorium 1 p.m.— MSIPC senior finals, announcement of senior winners, Taylor Auditorium 2 p.m.— Baseball vs. UMR 6 p.m.— Gala winners' concert, Taylor Auditorium	Senior Art Show and Sale, Spiva Gallery 1 p.m.— Baseball vs. UMR	8 a.m.— Five dollar hair cuts for students, BSC 2nd floor lounge 9 a.m.— Student Senate Executive Officer elections, BSC stairwell 9:30 a.m.— Red Cross Blood Mobile, circulate drive in front of BSC, free T-shirts to donors	9 a.m.— Morning Mess, BSC, Room 306 • Student Senate Executive Officer elections, BSC stairwell 1 p.m.— Childrens Center In-session, BSC 5:30 p.m.— Childrens Center dinner 7 p.m.— Philosophy club, BSC, 2nd floor	8 a.m.— ESL Academy, BSC 3rd floor 2 p.m.— Hypnotist Paul Parsons, BSC, 2nd floor lounge, free 7:30 p.m.— Concert Band, Taylor Center for the Performing Arts 9 p.m.— Wesley Foundation Midweek Worship	11 a.m.— Kolnola Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall 12:20 p.m.— Model UN, Webster Hall, Room 223 12:20 p.m.— NBS, Webster Hall, MSTV Studio 6 p.m.— Casino night, Lion's Den 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship of Christian Athletes, BSC, 2 floor

Band to perform faculty composition

Wise's movements explore historical Amish hymns

BY ERIC GRUBER
STAFF WRITER

Writing a musical composition not only requires much research and planning, but it doesn't hurt if you're a "Wise" man either.

Dr. Phillip Wise, assistant professor of music education, has composed a five-movement piece for symphonic band. The first movement will be performed at the Missouri Southern spring concert, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Taylor Auditorium.

The piece was composed as a study of Old Order Amish hymns that emphasized the historical, philosophical, and spiritual aspects of the music.

Wise said his inspiration came from growing up near an Amish community in Iowa.

"All five movements are based on original hymns from the Old Order Amish which I grew up around," he said. "I was always intrigued by the life, and I had a chance to do some research on it."

Wise says growing up and seeing the Amish community gave birth to his curiosity of the Amish. He

questioned why they continued to utilize such things as horse-drawn carriages, and why they chose such a different lifestyle.

"That was always my thought, 'Why are they so different than I am?' When I started to research a little bit more and actually visit with some of the Amish, I realized they're not really different at all. They're very similar, they just have certain religious beliefs."

The result of his study was his composition "Arbeit Macht Das Leben Süss: The Amish Way," which translates to "Work Makes Life Sweet."

"The hymns are sung during the Amish worship service," Wise said. "Each hymn may last anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes in length. They sing three or four hymns at each morning service."

Wise said his piece was not written to exploit Amish principles or their nature. It was written so the listener could hear and examine this lifestyle in a more understanding way.

"My intent was to open the minds of the performer and listener to perhaps view the Old Order Amish in a different light — a brighter light," he said. "There are far more similarities than differences."

The composition was composed in 1993 after two years of research and writing. The work premiered in April 1995 by the Morningside



NICK PARKER/The Chart

Dr. Phillip Wise, assistant professor of music education at Missouri Southern, goes over part of a movement which will be performed by Southern's concert band 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, in Taylor Auditorium.

College Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Sioux City, Iowa, directed by Dr. David Williams.

"I took those hymns, which are really obscure, they're kind of Gregorian Chant-ish," Wise said. "There's no notation for it because their hymnals just have words."

Pete Havelly, head of the department of music, said the music is well diversified with its contrast of

soft, eerie elements mixed in with fast and exciting music.

"I think it's an interesting piece," he said. "It has a nice variety of styles within the piece."

The work is also something new and different for Havelly's direction.

"This is the first time since I've been here at Southern that we've played a piece composed by a faculty member," he said.

Besides the current piece, Wise has also written "Sultana" and "Brass Buttons," two middle-level pieces to be performed by junior high students.

Wise is excited about Southern's concert band performing his piece.

"I am thrilled that Mr. Havelly has agreed to perform the work," Wise said. "He has done a marvelous job of interpreting the music." □

OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS



Special to The Chart

The Ozark Mountain Daredevils will be performing cuts from their new album, 13, on May 2 in Lamar.

Hillbilly band set to rock Lamar

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Those daredevil, hillbilly rockers from the Ozark Mountains are set to raise a little hell in Lamar's Thiebaud Auditorium May 2 with their first appearance in that town.

The Ozark Mountain Daredevils will be performing cuts from their new CD, 13, at the show.

"We tiled it that for several reasons," said Supe Granda, the Daredevils' bass player from his home in Nashville, Tenn. "It's our 13th album. It has 13 songs on it, and it's our first album in 13 years."

Larry Lee, former Daredevils' guitarist and vocalist, joined three core members, John Dillon, Steve Cash, and Granda, in making the new CD, though he will not be with the band in Lamar.

The band has never quit working, although Granda said it has "faded from public sight." The Springfield natives attribute the band's longevity

to their love for what they do.

"I want to do absolutely nothing except what I'm doing," Granda said. "It hit when I was young, like a lightning bolt, and from that point on, I obtained tunnel vision. Now I'm a middle-aged man, instead of a young kid, and I still have a passion for what I do."

"And other people like what we do. If we had gone out there for the last 27 years and just horsed around and played average, if it had just been a job for us, the job would have ended a long time ago. But it's a career, so it's lasted."

The Daredevils still make several appearances per year, although they perform much less often than they used to. They play county festivals, county fairs, state fairs, and now the numerous casinos multiplying around the country.

"Casinos are popping up like acne, and they need entertainment," Granda said. "So we've played a bunch of casinos. We're a bunch of 50-year-old men, and we don't tour much like we used to."

But if something comes up that sounds like a good time, or something comes along that sounds like it would be worth our time in it, yeah, we'll do it."

The band is looking forward to the Lamar show.

"That's down in our area," Granda said. "I'm looking forward to it. People down there don't get a whole lot of music, and it's always nice when we play that area."

"We've had good response," said Todd Banes, Lamar parks and recreation director, the show's promoter. "We've got people from all over the four states buying tickets."

Banes said tickets are going fast, and he expects a good crowd at the show.

The opening act for the show will be Carl Osborn and 56 Jimmy. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and are available at the Lamar Fitness Center and Thiebaud Auditorium, Lamar; Planet Car Fi and Book Barn, Joplin; The Music Center, Neosho; and Gameco, in Pittsburg, Kan. □

VOCAL MUSIC

'Petticoat recital' celebrates women

By BRIN CAVAN
STAFF WRITER

This "gifted" vocalist doesn't have to stretch her imagination very far to portray the various stages in a woman's life in an upcoming recital.

Cathryn Burt, music major, performs her senior recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Webster Hall auditorium with the theme, "The Life of a Woman."

Her vocal music instructor, Carol Cook, calls the performance a "petticoat recital" because it is all women.

"She is very musically gifted," Cook said. "Her ability to interpret a song is wonderful — getting the emotional content and depth of a song. She has been given a very fine voice."

During her six years at Missouri Southern, two of Burt's strongest supporters have been women close to her heart — her mother, Rita Galbraith, and her mother-in-law, Diana Burt.

"Both of my mothers have been wonderful," she said. "My mom, more than anybody, is such a support system. She watches my kids for free. She put off her career and put off going to graduate school. She is an amazing woman. She has had many hardships, and she still has time to give, give, give to everybody."

Two other "women" arrived on the scene during Burt's stay at Southern with the births of her daughters, Desiree, age 8, and Isabelle, 4 months.

The first half of Burt's recital encompasses a woman's life from a young child to a mature woman whose children are leaving home.

"The first half is me — the joys

and sorrows of motherhood," she said.

Burt describes one of her pieces, "To The Children," by Rachmaninoff.

"It tells of the anguish of losing them when they're gone but the joy they brought you when they were there," she said.

The second half of her recital will be tragic love themes with taxing and exciting pieces, Burt said.

Her own romance could hardly be called tragic. She describes her marriage to Troy, part-owner of Burt's Landscaping, as "wonderful."

"My family always comes first," she said. "I have to enjoy this time with my girls and my husband."

Pianist Rebecca Wentworth and two Southern part-time music instructors, Cook on violin and Christina Connell on the French horn, will accompany Burt. The recital also features Monica Reynolds and Cook as supporting soprano vocalists.

Burt is looking forward to the event and enjoys performing for her audiences.

"Music touches a lot of people," she said. "When you look out in the audience and see that you've touched someone — that you brought that emotion out of the song — that's the best feeling."

She advises beginning music majors to have "persistence."

"It is so difficult being a music major, and it takes so much of your time," Burt said. "It can be very discouraging at times. If you want to succeed, you have to stick with it."

She credits her instructors at Southern for much of her professional growth, and hopes to influence her voice students positively as she graduates and expands her music studio. □



COMING ATTRACTIONS

On Campus

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM
April 21 - 25—Missouri Southern International Piano Competition
April 29—MSSC Concert Band, 7:30 p.m.
May 4—MSSC Concert/Community Orchestra, 7:30 p.m.
May 7—MSSC Concert Chorale, 7:30 p.m.

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM
April 30—Cathryn Burt, senior vocal recital, 7:30 p.m.
SPIVA ART GALLERY ON CAMPUS
April 26—Senior art exhibits begin
PHINNEY HALL
May 14—MSSC Choral Society Concert, 7:30 p.m.

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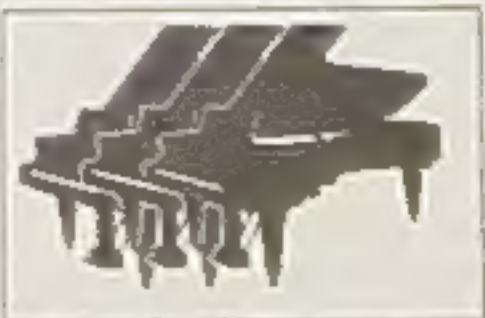
April 24—Don Ships
April 25—Next of Kin
April 28—Flash Terry
May 1 - 2—Prodigal Sons
May 4—Mike and The Tornados
May 8—First Impressions
May 9—Raisin' Kane
May 15—The Websters
May 22—Pat Webb
May 23—Comfortable Shoes

Kansas City

THE BEAUMONT
May 6—Ska Against Racism
KEMPER ARENA
June 6—Robert Plant and Jimmy Page
SANDSTONE AMPHITHEATRE
June 19—Michael Bolton with Wynonna
June 20—Chicago
June 27—James Taylor

Springfield

SHIRINE AUDITORIUM
April 24—Audio Adrenaline, Supertones, and Jennifer Knapp, 7:30 p.m.
April 29—Insane Clown Posse
Monett
April 26—Ozark Festival Orchestra Concert, featuring Jennifer Hayghe, Monett City Hall Auditorium, 3 p.m.



■ The Missouri Southern International Piano Competition concludes with the Gala Winners' Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25 in Taylor Auditorium.

ARTS SHOWCASE

Gatliff offers instruction advice

Myriad of instruments help children learn

By JO BETH HARRIS
CHART REPORTER

Many college students, whether they know it or not, may have been ORFFed while in elementary school.

Phyllis Gatliff, adjunct music instructor, explains that the ORFF-Schubwerk method was designed for children. It involves a set of wood and metal instruments, plus a "myriad" of non-pitched instruments.

The purpose of this method is to provide accompaniment to chants and songs. For beginning students, the instruments, such as a simple xylophone, can be altered by taking out the "wrong" notes of a song.

Gatliff says this "makes for instant success and is a great moral builder."

Though ORFF was designed for children, the same method can be used to teach adults. Gatliff began teaching classes part-time at Missouri Southern eight years ago after instructing a summer course. She enjoyed teaching adults so much she decided to rearrange her schedule at Carthage Elementary School to offer the course part-time during the year. Since starting the class, popularity has grown in leaps and bounds. Every class is full of adults eager to learn music.

Gatliff said students respond extremely well to music if it is taught in a way they understand. If explanations are simple and the environment friendly, people are more apt to open up. She aims for every class to be receptive to this technique.

"I want to take the scariness out of music. Some people have had very bad experiences and are afraid to be active in class," Gatliff said.

Gatliff received her bachelor's degree in education from Southwest Missouri State University and her master's degree from Pittsburg State University. She has taught a total of 30 years, including 19 at Carthage Elementary School. She retired from her full-time position there three years ago for health reasons. She said, however, that she plans to continue teaching at the College "until they carry me out feet first."

Gatliff has two sons, both residents of Missouri. Her elder son, David, lives in Peculiar with his wife and young son. Her other son, Stephen, is finishing his MBA in finance at Washington University in St. Louis. Dean, her husband of 36 years, died in June 1997. Gatliff now

lives with her two cats, Sasha and Cinderella, just west of Carthage where she grew up.

Gatliff would like prospective music teachers to learn how to teach different age groups. For example, a teacher can't treat a child as if he is a miniature high school student and expect him to learn. On the other hand, though the instructor can use some elementary methods to teach adults, if the instructor treats them like children they will likely become alienated and not want to learn.

Some other advice is never to quit learning. "You can't teach unless you are continually searching out new techniques," she said. Workshops are key to this process.

Her last bit of advice, if a student plans to go into her field of work, is to love music and love children.

"Have a desire to teach. Other wise you'll be miserable." □

Phyllis Gatliff's 30 years in teaching allow her to reflect on the methods she has found to be the most beneficial to students of all ages.

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Sardinas teaches globally

By ESDRA LAMY
CHART REPORTER

His experience in international business and a love for teaching brought Dr. Julio Sardinas to Missouri Southern.

Sardinas, associate professor of international business, has a background some can only dream of.

Sardinas was born in Spain, his father's home country. His mother is a native of England.

"I spent most of my childhood traveling," Sardinas said. "That's how my love for traveling evolved."

After receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Florida, Sardinas received his doctorate at the University of Miami.

He concentrated in international business as areas of study.

"To be a graduate of the internship program at the United Nations headquarters in New York is one I'm mostly proud of," said Sardinas, who has participated in numerous international programs. "I was able to work with people from around the world. That was a great experience."

Fluent in Spanish, French, and Portuguese, he also comprehends Italian.

Sardinas has taught business courses in Australia. He was also the director of the MBA international program in Bangkok, Thailand and coordinator of international

business programs in New Zealand.

"My passion for learning other cultures and how they function on the international level is the reason I've worked and traveled in so many different countries," Sardinas said.

Sardinas wants to counsel and help them open their minds on the international level.

"I feel students shouldn't consider international business just as a major, but as an environment," he said.

Sardinas wants his students to understand the importance of the new international environment and the transformation of the new economic system.

"I want students to develop within the new thinking of international business," he said.

Sardinas wants students to be ready for any change within a company.

"Companies expand and move so easily overseas these days," he said.

Before Sardinas took his work abroad, he had already worked with some well-known companies in the U.S.

He was also a research associate for an organization that conducted research throughout Latin America.

"If I wasn't teaching, I'd like to see myself as the head of a big global international corporation," Sardinas said. "Teaching is the most important thing to me. I am fortunate that I'm able to share my international experiences with students. I want to work hard and be persistent in the classroom. I want to see my students graduate with success." □

Dr. Julio Sardinas
Associate professor of
international business



JASON FOSTER/The Chart

Dr. Julio Sardinas points out one of many countries he has visited. Sardinas plans to spread his international experiences to his students.

SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Duggal enjoys molding minds

By TAFFY COKER
CHART REPORTER

Coming a long way since his birth in India, Dr. J.S. Duggal has traveled all around the world.

"I love to travel," he said.

He has traveled to such places as British Columbia, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Italy to name a few. Duggal has lived in the United States for 30 years, and in August 1997, he joined the faculty at Missouri Southern. He came to Southern because he has family in Missouri.

Duggal is associate professor and coordinator of computer aided drafting and design (CADD), computer assisted manufacturing technology (CAMT), and manufacturing information management systems (MIMS).

"Teaching is fun," he said.

He enjoys "molding young people's minds."

Duggal didn't always want to be an instructor. At first he wanted to be a design engineer.

"I didn't like the way I was taught," he said.

Duggal believes there has to be a better way to teach students.

As for future goals, he wants to "teach, teach, teach till I retire." Duggal also wants to bring his past experience and new ideas to the College.

He has great respect for any entrepreneur and the system of free enterprise in this country. Having an admiration for past and present colleagues, Duggal has learned from all of them.

His greatest achievements are his publications and becoming a well-rounded administrator. □

MILLS ANDERSON CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

Police Academy students show their pride, integrity, guts, strength

By JO BETH HARRIS
CHART REPORTER

If students would like to be a "pig," they should attend the Missouri Southern Police Academy.

"People call cops pigs, and you know what, they're right. Cops have Pride, Integrity, Guts, and Strength," Kevin Funcannon said.

As do many of the students attending the academy at night, Funcannon also holds down a full-time job. He is a sergeant in corrections at the Barry County Sheriff's Department.

Funcannon recommends to anyone who thinks they might go into law enforcement that they work as a jailer to see if they can handle that line of work.

"I've seen people come to work for the [Sheriff's] Department with no clue what they're getting into. They know they will be dealing with rapists, armed robbers, and murderers; but when they come face to face with them day in and day out, some of them realize that they just can't cut it," Funcannon said.

Though with his hectic schedule he doesn't have time for them, Funcannon is anxious to return to his hobbies, which include rappelling, reading, and shooting his guns. Between 45 hours of work, 21 hours of school, and 10 hours on the road a week, he doesn't have much time for anything but sleep when he can. He does, however, find time to shoot his guns because "you can never get too much practice in with your firearms."

Melissa Fry-Scaggs, another student at Southern's academy, also works in a sheriff's department.

She is a police dispatcher in Stone County. As a single mother, Fry-Scaggs must also stretch her



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Kevin Funcannon, Melissa Fry-Scaggs, and George Enke balance home life and academy duties.

schedule to spend quality time with her 4-year-old daughter.

"It's hard sometimes, but I would not change anything in my life, including the bad, because usually something good came out of it," Fry-Scaggs said.

Fry-Scaggs recommends students make sure they have their personal lives in order before they pursue a career in law enforcement. One of her philosophies of life is that people are here to enjoy what God gave them and to preserve it for their children and grandchildren to enjoy.

George Enke works as assistant manager at B&B Theatres in Monett, Mo., during the week-ends and during the early afternoon on week-days before heading up to Joplin for the academy.

Enke's goals as a child were to become a Marine and a police officer. Since he has already been through the Marines, he decided to pursue the law enforcement profession.

"I have always liked life to be a little on the wild side to keep things interesting. I guess maybe that's why I chose this profession. No two days

are exactly alike, and that keeps you on your toes mentally and physically. That's the way I like it," Enke said.

In his leisure time, Enke likes to do "anything outdoors." From football and racquetball to cliff diving and going to the rodeo, Enke's hobbies reflect his love for adventure.

Though all three students are in the same academy and have similar principles, they have different long-term goals.

Funcannon said he would like to one day be the sheriff of Barry County, where he grew up.

He also hopes eventually to return to school and receive his degree in criminal justice.

Fry-Scaggs plans to work for a larger department to gain valuable experience. After several years, she would like to go back to a small county department and "try to improve service quality."

Enke's long-term goals include eventually becoming a Missouri State Highway Patrolman or just finding a good job in law enforcement that keeps him happy and satisfied. He hopes to find a wife and settle down to a good marriage with a couple of children.

Enke gave a piece of advice to students of any major. "Don't ever give up. When someone needs you to go that extra mile, give 'em two!" □

No two days are exactly alike, and that keeps you on your toes mentally and physically. That's the way I like it.

George Enke
Sophomore criminal
justice major

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BUDGET: Senate takes bite out of higher education funds

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was too early to say for sure. He added that Mike Lybyer (D-Huggins), chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, would most likely have the most input. Lybyer had suggested after the Monday night vote that the money might be restored to higher education.

"Anything can still happen," Burton said. "But Lybyer usually gets what he wants."

Lawmakers are required to complete work on the budget by May 8, one week before the end of session.

Last year, a stalemate over budgeting for abortion clinics forced a special session that was in violation of the state constitution.

"We just flat violated the constitution last year," said Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin).

According to the constitution, the General Assembly is forbidden to take up any appropriation bill for consideration after the first week of May.

Under the Missouri constitution, the budget must be balanced and would take effect on July 1. □

BARRIER: Students lend an ear to help piano competition

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competitor and us comfortable." Due to culture shock and the language barrier, some common daily situations may become challenging without the translator, Ramsour said. "Our MSIPC student was not

familiar with how to use our shower, and we had to explain it to him through the bathroom door," she said.

"Things like that make us worry a little — if we got our point across, that he will understand."

Nevertheless, the host families learn about the country and its cul-

ture and history, albeit a brief and quick one.

"I haven't heard much about the Czech Republic before, but now we have learned about its economy and government and all the changes that happened," Ramsour said. "I found out that this ought to be a nice place to go visit." □

ENROLLMENT: College looks to Internet for assistance

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the "registration hallway" where two people are enrolling the entire campus at the rate of about 300 per day, according to Nancy Weber, TSU registrar.

"Upperclassmen take about 15 minutes (to enroll)," she said. "By the time we get to sophomores and freshmen, the process slows down."

She attributes that slowing trend to classes closing. She said the process takes about 30 minutes for underclassmen.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs at Southern, believes the adviser system at the College gives students something self-enrollment can't.

"I think one of our great successes as a college has been the personal relationship that a student and faculty member can develop," Bitterbaum said. "It's important that there be someone who can be a mentor to a student, and you lose that if everything just becomes mechanized."

However, some students believe the changing world of technology is not represented on the cam-

Upperclassmen take about 15 minutes (to enroll.)

Nancy Weber
Truman State registrar

pus in the area of student enrollment. "Warrensburg (Central Missouri State University) — by far the best," said Andy Solomon, senior computer information science major. "The advisers here are department teachers; [CMSU has] their own advisory staff. But it's a much larger school and they have more funds; and I understand that."

Solomon stresses the fact that other schools similar to Southern's size have alternate enrolling methods, such as PSU's Internet enrollment system.

Bitterbaum believes in the system at Southern. "We're comfortable with the process," he said. "We may improve it, but we want to make sure students get good advice." □

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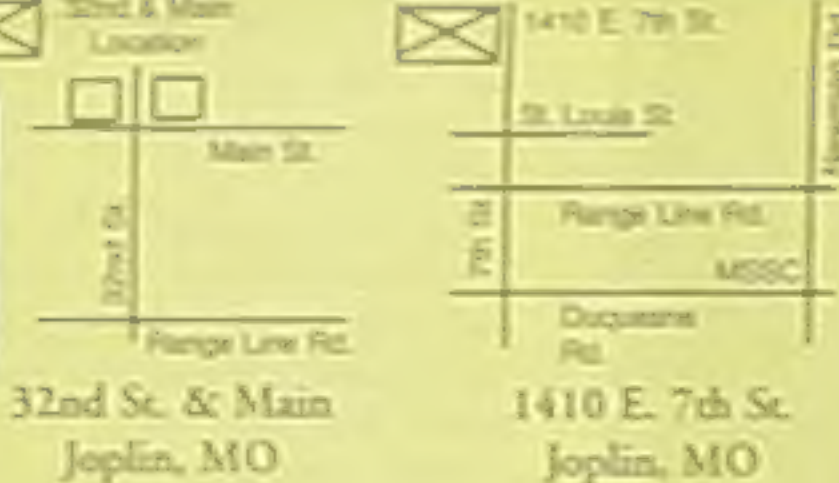
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Blooming dogwoods incite sanctioned walk

The Dogwood Trailblazers will host an American Volkssport Association-sanctioned 5K/10K walk event Saturday at Carthage to view the dogwoods in bloom.

Walkers may register between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., but must be finished with the walk by 4 p.m. Cost is \$5 for credit and a patch, although participants may also walk for free.

The start and registration point will be inside the Chamber of Commerce, 107 E. Third, Carthage. Everyone of all ages is welcome. □

Singleton's bill takes 'grand journey', time

The path a bill must take to become a law is a grand journey.

In December, Sen. Marvin Singleton proposed SB 610, which mandates that the Department of Agriculture require any liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) retailer to have a main storage tank no smaller than 18,000 gallons.

This would help Missouri propane dealers compete with neighboring Arkansas dealers.

Since its proposal in mid-December, the bill has been heard and voted out of the agriculture, conservation, parks and tourism committee, heard and adopted by the Senate, and is now, with the help of House sponsor, Rep. Sam Gaskill (R-Washburn) on the House calendar to be considered.

Often the path a bill must take is not a straight path.

Part of the law-making process includes debating and amending proposed bills.

This week, this has been the basic tone in the Senate as members have been debating SB 731 dealing with tax reform.

This bill is a combination of numerous proposed bills.

As written, part of the bill would authorize a state income tax deduction for school fees up to \$2,500 for each dependent in grades 9 through 12.

A Senate Substitute Amendment was proposed by Senator Maxwell.

This SSA would provide a deduction of 40 percent of the amount donated to a religious school or institution from state tax on federal taxes.

To this, Singleton added an amendment that would also give a 10 percent state tax deduction to anyone who donates to non-profit organizations such as private schools, United Way, or any 501(c)(3) corporation.

Singleton's amendment was approved, but the SSA was defeated in favor of a more restrictive religious provision, which applies only to those families with children in religious schools, grades 9 through 12. □

Grass skirts, bikes hit Joplin Memorial Hall

Catch the spirit of the islands when Island Breeze, a group of island performers, comes to Joplin. Swirling grass skirts, rhythmic drum beats, flaming torches, and colorful face painting are all a part of this Polynesian cultural performance.

Intricate dances and authentic costumes expose their rich heritage, adding vibrancy to their show. Island Breeze seeks not only to entertain, but to give their audiences a sense of identity and dignity.

Bikes, boards, and blades will be featured at the GX Jam offered in affiliation with the Island Breeze group.

A variety of entertainers and professionals will be showcasing their talents at the performances featuring positive messages.

The Island Breeze shows will begin at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Monday and the GX Jam will begin at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Tuesday. Both shows will be at the Memorial Hall in Joplin. Admission is free to the public. □

□ Joplin's new mayor speaks on what he thinks about the City Council's role in the future development of the community in a ...

Q & A with Earl Carr

Growth, promotion key issues for Joplin

By KIKI COFFMAN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

When Earl Carr assumed the role of mayor, he inherited the responsibility of spokesman and voice for the Joplin City Council.

After the March election, Mayor Carr spoke about the needs and possibilities facing the city of Joplin.

Q: What do you see as being the biggest challenges confronting the city?

A: The challenges are, number one, to manage the growth of the community with the amount of resources that we have.

Certainly we are in a growing community, but we need to support the growth with facilities and services and with all the features that people need in order to live and work in an area.

And, the second important thing is that we must promote for people to come for the jobs that we are

creating. We need to attract a work force to support the industries that are here in Joplin, and those that are moving or coming to Joplin.

Q: Are you going to continue to pursue annexation of land surrounding Joplin?

A: There is an annexation hearing scheduled in August for the eastern annexation.

The annexation is liveliness. As a matter of fact, the council has voted to pursue the annexation and a court hearing has been scheduled.

We lost the annexation in the southwest, but that is something that may be revisited in the future of two years from now.

Q: What is the City Council of Joplin's role in attracting new industries to Joplin?

A: The City Council approves funds that are directed toward the Chamber of Commerce, something that is pooled directly for attracting new businesses. The

Chamber is an economically developed organization for the Joplin area and the City Council provides funds and also support from city staff and the mayor and the mayor pro tem.

Q: What do you think you can personally bring to the position of Joplin mayor?

A: That's not the way the mayor's position works in Joplin. In Joplin, the mayor is selected from the City Council.

We have a Council of nine members. Of the nine members, one member is selected as mayor for a two-year term—the person would serve two consecutive terms.

The mayor is the spokesman for the Council. But what is important isn't the position of mayor—what is important is what the policies and priorities of the City Council are. The Council has the real power.

In the mayor's absence, the mayor pro tem speaks for the Council.

The official head of government decides Council bills and ordinances.

The mayor is also the military head of government in case of an emergency where the mayor would have to call the governor to request assistance from the National Guard.

Q: What are some features of Joplin that you might point out to a family considering moving here?

A: The really nice quality of life here. We have a lot of support for hospitals, schools, and parks. We have streams and lakes in Missouri.

We have a low crime rate, and a place where people feel safe enough to walk on the streets or to walk in their neighborhoods.

Another thing that we would tell anyone who is considering moving to Joplin is that we have jobs here and we have jobs of all kinds that accompanies a speed in build.

And we would need to state that

the economic development of the area will continue, and we will continue to be able to provide jobs in the future.

Q: How important is it for the mayor to be accessible to the public?

A: It's part of the job. It goes with the job and is extremely important. I mean, none of the Council people have unlisted phone numbers. We all have listed phone numbers. We are all accessible—the mayor and all of the councilmen.

This is what the council-manager form of government is all about. The Council is responsible to the citizens for what is going on in City Hall.

We are a board of directors to oversee the direction of the city. If the city staff doesn't believe in the city, then we are not doing the things that the people who live here want, and it is the responsibility of the City Council to make sure the city is following the wishes of the people who live here. □

DIGGIN' IT



KIKI COFFMAN/The Chart

Students of Randy Commons' landscaping class at Joplin High School prepare a new rose garden on the front lawn. The students are provided with tools and instructions.

JOPLIN R-8 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rosenberg's goals include public support, changes

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Following recent school board elections, the Joplin R-8 School District has named Benjamin Rosenberg its new president and Greg Knapp vice president.

Rosenberg, beginning his fifth year on the board, said much of the agenda for the year will stem from a long-range planning report the board will examine this week. The report was compiled by a team comprised of board members, faculty, members of the community, and a facilitator.

One issue in the report will be the committee's recommendation to reconfigure the grades, moving ninth grade to the high school.

The result would be a three-stage educational system divided K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grades.

In spite of overwhelmingly favorable research and public support for this configuration, Rosenberg said it might still be difficult to implement.

"The big issue will be whether we can do it without a facilities change," he said.

A proposal for a ninth grade center at the high school did not receive voter approval last year.

Perhaps the biggest issue facing the board is gaining public support for whatever changes it deems necessary to improve the schools.

"Any time you're asking for money, you have to have community support," Rosenberg said. "What a lot of people don't

realize is that 75 percent of our money is spent on salaries and benefits. It's difficult to save money on the remaining 25 percent of expenditures."

The board plans to pursue a bond issue to add air conditioning to all the schools and make other improvements.

It will also ask for a levy to increase teacher's salaries.

Rosenberg said all capital improvements must be funded by bond issues, and they require a two-thirds majority vote.

"We're making a large effort to communicate with the public," he said. "We started a newsletter, we tape our meetings, and we even provide video clips in the news stations."

The lack of voter support for school issues might not be entirely resolved by better communication, however.

"It seems that people have taken an 'out of sight, out of mind' approach to the schools," Rosenberg said. "They don't want to be taxed any more, no matter what it's for."

Tracey Osborne, vice president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, isn't surprised by a certain amount of voter resistance.

"In any community, you have a certain element of 'no' voters because for many people any tax is too much," she said. "I think the greater problem is the people who think positively toward an issue but just don't vote."

"The average voter has only a basic knowledge of school finances," Osborne said. □

CARTHAGE

Road icon attracts 'mother road' mavens, vacationers

By BRIAN PALMER
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Route 66 has been the mother road for many things, and one of the most memorable was the drive-in theater.

Only a handful of those theaters still exist today, and of those, only one still bears the name "Route 66 Drive-In." It exists on a stretch of road just outside Carthage.

"We've had a hard time getting the news out," said Mark Goodson, co-owner of the theater. "Like the Webb City [Drive-In] closing—everybody knows it's closing, but no one knows we're open."

Even with that obstacle, the theater has shown incredible enterprise in its publicity efforts, with a little help from Route 66 enthusiasts.

After placing a small ad in the

Route 66 Magazine, the house was packed for the theater's grand reopening April 18.

"You'd be surprised how many people drive Route 66 each summer," he said.

Goodson said much of his advertising has been word of mouth.

Heather Kelly, executive director of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, said the theater was a "tremendous asset" to the community.

"Many people come specifically to look at that drive-in," she said.

Ron Robb, president of the Route 66 Association of Missouri, called the drive-in a "road icon," and said bringing it back after it had fallen into such disrepair was a "milestone."

"Especially a drive-in theater, which is a vanishing breed," Robb said.

At one time there were six Route 66 drive-in theaters. In 1995 the St. Louis theater closed, making the Carthage Route 66 drive-in theater the last.

This summer will be the theater's first full season since Goodson and Wes Alumbaugh bought it from Dickinson Theaters in 1985.

It became a "recycling center" after that, until the team decided to reopen as a drive-in in 1997.

Last year heralded a few weeks of test runs that were open to the public, but the theater did not have its official ribbon (which was actually film) cutting ceremonies until this year.

Goodson commented on the impending doom of the aforementioned Webb City Drive-In theater.

"I hate to see any drive-in torn down," he said. "It's a piece of history." □



KIKI COFFMAN/The Chart

Motorists passing the restored 66 Drive-In may enjoy the roadside retro sign. Visitors can buy nostalgic gifts in the nearby gift shop.

STATE REVENUE

State returns money

Treasurer's office searches for missing property owners

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri citizens with unclaimed finances currently being held by the state may be getting one last chance to pick up their money before it is added to the total state revenue.

Colociding with Missouri's Earth Day festivities, the state treasurer's office conducted an unclaimed property owner search on Tuesday in the hope that a few of the approximately 700,000 Missouri residents with unclaimed property might stop by.

According to Carrie Wieberg, assistant director of operations, the Missouri treasurer's office is currently in possession of more than \$115 million, plus the contents of hundreds of safe deposit boxes that belong to citizens who have yet to lay claim to their property. The search was initiated, in part, due to legislation currently before the House governmental organization and review committee that would require that any sum of money held by the treasurer's office for more than one year be added to the state revenue.

"Since we have a bill in the legislature, we thought it would be a good time to do a look-up," Wieberg said. "It seemed to be pretty successful."

Although no head count was taken at the event, held in the Capitol rotunda, Wieberg said a large number turned out and further searches would be held.

According to the treasurer's office, one in 10 Missourians has unclaimed property being held by the state. While some holdings are substantial dollar amounts, Wieberg said the state currently has holdings as small as one cent. She said problems in contacting owners led to the legislation.

"We send out postcards to the last-known addresses, but a lot of these people are not currently residents of Missouri. Some are deceased," she said.

And according to a state audit for fiscal year 1997, the amount of unclaimed state holdings is on the rise.

During the 1997 fiscal year, the state took in \$21 million while returning only \$3 million, an increase of 14.6 percent.

CAPITOL BUILDING



Students of Liberty Elementary School eat lunch outside of the Capitol Building on Tuesday after touring the building and meeting with their area legislators. Thousands of students from across the State attended the Earth Day festivities throughout the week.

Earth Day festivities draw diverse crowd

Thousands of Missourians flock to Capitol in observance of environmental aware-

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Advocacy groups and elementary school troupes flooded the Capitol Building on Monday and Tuesday to celebrate Earth Day and take advantage of the large number of participants to benefit their particular causes.

Gov. Mel Carnahan kicked off the week's festivities with a speech to area students on the Capitol steps.

Students from area schools visited with their legislators while teachers lobbied for various bills.

Advocates for the Missouri Department of Mental Health gathered on the Capitol steps for the organization's ninth annual Mental Health Awareness Day.

Chuck Donahue, chairman of the State Advisory Council for Comprehensive Psychiatric Services, coordinated the event and said that many of the people in attendance consider the day a triumph over their particular illnesses.

"It is a special opportunity to reach out to people who do not understand mental illness and its treatment," Donahue said.

Donahue said over 1,000 Missourians made the trip to the Capitol Building. He also said the event, originally organized to educate legislators, had taken on a more festive atmosphere in recent years.

The activities began with media awards honoring outstanding reporting on mental health issues given out at the Governor's mansion.



The Department of Mental Health holds a rally on the steps of the Capitol Building on Tuesday. Thousands attended.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Blunt votes for limitations on future tax increases

Saying it's "too easy for Congress to raise taxes rather than make the tough decisions about reducing spending," U.S. Congressman Roy Blunt has voted in support of a constitutional amendment to limit future tax increases.

The Tax Limitation Amendment requires that all future tax hikes be approved by a two-thirds super majority of both the House and the Senate. The amendment won a majority 238-186, but failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority necessary for House passage of a constitutional amendment.

"I agree with the 80 percent of the American people who believe it should be more difficult to raise taxes than to cut spending," Blunt said. "Four out of five Americans support the legislative two-thirds super majority requirement for new federal taxes. Raising taxes is a serious matter, but it can be done without much difficulty. The American people, and certainly most folks in southwest Missouri, believe this is a reasonable standard."

Blunt, an original co-sponsor of the Tax Limitation Amendment and legislation to sunset the current tax code at the end of 2001, noted that surveys have found 68 percent of the American people are more likely to support a complete replacement of the current tax system if it included a two-thirds legislative super majority for enacting future tax hikes.

Public service ads draw Wilson's praise

Gov. Roger Wilson is taking a stand for an unlikely group.

"Next time you hear someone blaming the media for the world's problems, mention the media time spent on helping others in need," Wilson said on Wednesday, praising a new survey showing that Missouri radio and television stations aired \$44 million worth of public service announcements in 1997.

Missouri's air time value of public service announcements is fourth best among the 38 states who participated in the survey.

The survey, conducted for the Missouri Broadcasters Association by Public Opinion Strategies of Alexandria, Va., reports that each year, television and radio stations air almost a million public service announcements (PSAs).

"That's a phenomenal boost to Missouri communities, especially when you consider that these figures don't include vital emergency broadcasts, weather bulletins, or even the regular news and information broadcasts," Wilson said.

The survey reports that Missouri television stations air an average of 175 PSAs each week, while radio stations air an average of 75 PSAs each per week.

In particular, 60 percent of television stations and 70 percent of radio stations participated in disaster/emergency relief in 1997. Every single Missouri television station and 94 percent of radio stations participated in fund-raising efforts for non-profit or charitable organizations.

The most frequent public service messages focused on drug and alcohol abuse and drunk driving.

Other frequent messages covered anti-crime efforts, hunger, poverty, the homeless, anti-violence, and AIDS prevention.

"The message comes through loud and clear: Community service is alive and thriving throughout Missouri, thanks in large part to the commitment of Missouri broadcasters," said Wilson, co-founder of the Missouri Community Service Commission.

"Next time you get the chance, thank your local media for their public service," Wilson said. "It helps us all."

STATE BUDGET

Abortion clinic funding takes Senate center stage

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Hoping to avoid forcing a special session of the General Assembly, the Missouri Senate on Monday approved a three-pronged attack on state-funded abortion clinics.

With a 30-3 vote, the Senate gave its final approval to a measure that would end state funding for Planned Parenthood and similar organizations.

The last two years, legislation aimed at taking a similar stance was found unconstitutional by federal judges. This session's version has three sequences on provisions for family planning funds.

The first two sections specifically deny funds to clinics that provide or promote abortions. The third provision acts as a safety net if the first two sections are found unconstitutional, in which case a system of state-owned and state-contracted family planning organizations would be created. The establishment of such organizations would cost approximately \$11 million. By law, these organizations could not perform abortions.

According to abortion foes, the purpose of the measure is to prevent a state budget stalemate, such as what happened last session when the Assembly became deadlocked over Planned Parenthood funding and was forced to hold a special session in order to complete work on the budget.

Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) said prevention of a special session was increasingly important to set precedence, calling last year's reconvenement unconstitutional.

According to Article 3, Section 25 of the Missouri Constitution, the General Assembly is forbidden from taking up any appropriation bill for consideration after the

first week of May, which the Assembly did last year.

"After last year when we knowingly violated the constitution on [the budget], it becomes easier to do again," Surface said. "There's probably a 50-50 chance of it happening again."

Supporters of Planned Parenthood argued that none of the state's funds went directly to pay for abortions.

"Indirectly you're funding the same thing," Surface said. "When you pay for anything [at an abortion clinic] you're freeing up money from other things to pay for abortions."

Currently, state reimbursements for family planning clinics are determined by the number of patients seen and procedures performed. Missouri currently does not reimburse abortion expenses.

Sen. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) tried unsuccessfully to get Planned Parenthood included in the Senate's family-planning services appropriations, but his move was defeated. After the Senate passed the budget, Jacob said the organization was being unfairly persecuted because of its political views.

However, Surface said philosophical rather than political differences were at the heart of the matter.

"I go to Calvary Baptist [Church] and I know my pastor preaches pro-life from the pulpit," Surface said. "I'm pretty sure most others do, too. We have a very strong pro-life community [in southwest Missouri]. We get a lot of feedback."

A joint House-Senate conference committee will be required to hammer out differences between the two chambers' bills before the budget can be given final approval. Once both chambers reach a compromise, the budget will move on to Gov. Mel Carnahan's desk.

Carnahan has said he opposes attempts to limit access to family planning organizations.

Nixon offers council

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon may have averted politically damaging criticism at the hands of the anti-abortion General Assembly last week by offering to pay legal fees for their lawyer if they wind up facing him in court over the summer.

And they just might if a federal court rules, as it has the last two years, against legislation passed by the Senate this week denying state funds to Planned Parenthood.

The agreement could call for the attorney general to finance arguments both for and against Planned Parenthood receiving family-planning aid from the state. The General Assembly has passed similar legislation the last two years, and stirred debate last July when Nixon hurriedly let the bill die during a conference call hearing by U.S. District judge Fernando Gaitan. Gaitan threw out the bill after the hearing.

After fielding angry legislators' complaints for not standing up for the restrictive language of the bill, Nixon responded: "If people want to sue about this stuff, the courthouses are open and accepting filings. If others feel that law or any law needs clarification, they ought to get \$120 [for the court filing fee] and go after it."

The remark and lack of legal support apparently rubbed some Democrat anti-abortion legislators the wrong way, including Sen. John Schneider (D-Florissant), a former Nixon supporter. Nixon's offer is seen by both sides of the issue as an attempt at making amends, a gesture deemed necessary if Nixon hopes to gain his party's nomination for the U.S. Senate in August.

Sports SCOPE

Here's a buck, put my name on somethin'

First it hit arenas like a ton of bricks, then it moved to stadiums, and now baseball parks are following suit. This corporate sponsorship bug has finally infiltrated Missouri Southern with the first chance it got.

When it came time to dedicate the new field house, Southern didn't seek out a distinguished instructor or administrator from its past. Instead it went for the wallet, or actually someone else's wallet. No longer the field house, it is the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. Inside it holds the St. John's Running Track and Freeman Sports Medicine Weight and Training Rooms.

Now, naming the joint after Leggett & Platt was almost forgivable. Come on, \$1 million is at least worth your name on the door. But the track and weight room? That's a stretch.

Where does the College stop? Does anyone who donates a little money get a piece of the pie?

If Ron Fauss, the voice of the Lions, donates \$10, does that mean the urinal cakes will forever be known as the "Ron Fauss Potty Fresheners?"

Does a \$50 donation entitle infamous former food service directors the right to call the new concession stand the "Ed Budkovich Memorial Refreshment Center?"

And why stop at the new complex? Why not start naming equipment all over the athletic department?

The steeple chase barrier and pit need a little help. Wouldn't it be nice if senior vice president John Tiede shelled out a few extra bucks to have an event at every home track meet called the "1,500-meter Tiede Chase?"

Even alumni could get into the act. Upon her graduation, long-time Lion Pride drum major Elizabeth Rogers could have the drum major's podium dedicated in her honor. So every time a new drum major steps on the podium, they step on a little piece of Liz.

This habit of rewarding businesses for their philanthropy has gotten completely out of hand. With the loss of Candlestick Park in San Francisco to the misbegotten title of 3Com Park, our world is slowly dilapidating into a sorrowful state. It has long been a conviction that we will all soon be living not under the banner of the Stars and Stripes, but a blue and gold flag with a big, whistling smiley face. No longer the United States of America, we will become the United Associates of Wal-Mart. All because Sam Walton's descendants donated a little something extra to the ruling party.

The blame not only lies with College for offering the title to everything in the athletic center to those who paid for it, but with the corporations for accepting. Not too terribly long ago, just the thought was what counted. Corporations gave money to schools, charities, and other needy causes to give something back to the community. Remember that?

Maybe I'm just so bitter after all I've done for the athletic department yet nothing was named after me that I'm blinded by the fury. After all the pizza slices and M&Ms, surely I've paid enough to have at least one shot clock with my name on it.

SOFTBALL

Southern peaks for conference play

Focus, strong hitting key during mid-season stretch

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

With the conference tournament coming up this weekend in Shawnee, Kan., the Lady Lions have peaked at the right time. In the last week, Missouri Southern has swept Lincoln University, Emporia State University, and Northeastern State University while splitting with the University of Missouri-Rolla.

In winning five of their last six conference games, the Lady Lions (30-10 overall, 13-5 MIAA) are assured of the No. 2 seed in the tournament behind Central Missouri State University.

"We feel confident going in and feel we can win it," said coach Pat Lipira.

The strengths for the Lady Lions this season have been hitting, second best in the conference, and pitching, which is leading the MIAA. One problem that has plagued Southern has been lack of consistent defense.

"Our hitting and pitching have been solid, and lately we have been focused on our

defense and improved," Lipira said.

Leading the way for the Lady Lions has been Jennifer Jimerson, who is atop the conference in average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage, and triples.

Freshmen pitchers Britany Hargis and Elisha Bonnot are surprising the Lady Lions with productive seasons.

"It is huge that we have two freshmen leading the conference in ERA and strikeouts," Lipira said.

Hargis (14-7) is leading the conference in strikeouts and ERA while Bonnot (11-2) is second in both categories.

"The key for us this weekend is going to be

maintaining our pitching and hitting and focus on defense," Lipira said.

After the winning streak last week, the Lady Lions are ready for the conference tournament this weekend.

"I think that we are going to win it," Hargis said. "At the beginning of this week, Coach told us that this is the week that we needed to peak, and everyone has been working hard."

Hargis, who posted a 34-3 record at Broken Arrow (Okla.) High School, is no stranger to success.

"I have been getting ahead and keeping the ball down," she said.

BASEBALL



Senior outfielder Stephen Crane slides into home during a game against Northwest Missouri State University at Joe Becker Stadium while Brandon Eggleston stands behind the plate.

TIM WILSON/The Chart

Squad begins vying for playoffs

By JEFF WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Looking to snap a three game skid, the baseball Lions will host Missouri-Rolla this weekend in the team's final regular season MIAA series.

Missouri Southern (19-18 overall, 10-8 MIAA) will face a Miner team fighting to make the playoffs.

Southern now in fifth, is trying to finish in the top four in the conference.

"That's our goal right now, to win out in conference so we will have the best chance to play at home," said freshman left fielder Dan Weston.

The Lions fell on the road this week, Tuesday to the University of Arkansas and twice Wednesday to Central Missouri.

Arkansas won the nine inning game 11-2, earlier in the season they beat Southern 24-5.

Junior lefthander Kevin Escala (3-2) kept the Razorbacks in control through six innings, then Arkansas blew it open with a six-run seventh off of Escala and senior right-hander Ralph Iovinelli, who entered in relief.

Central (28-6 overall, 17-2 MIAA) beat the Lions 13-2 and 11-6. The MIAA leading Mules are ranked third in the latest Division II poll.

Making the long trip to Warrensburg after traveling to Fayetteville may have affected the team's play.

"We played a night game at Arkansas the night before," Wilson said, "that didn't help us out."

Senior right-hander Mike Bronakoski pitched the first two innings for Southern. He fell behind in the first giving up four hits while the defense committed three errors. Four of Central's five runs were unearned.

Southern would not be close again. The only high-

light for the Lions was a two-run knock by designated hitter Brad Ward.

The Lions came out swinging in the second game hitting four and scoring three in the first inning. Lead off man Weston started the game with a single; R.J. Forth, Dereck Walters followed. Senior first basemen Brandon Eggleston had a double in the rally. The Mules would answer with three of their own and another in the second to take the lead.

In the third Braeckel doubled and scored on an Eggleston single. Later Eggleston would double and score Flave Darnell in the fifth.

The Lions had the opportunity to rally in the seventh inning of game two. Garrett Dunning came in for relief for the Mules. Junior third baseman Walters reached base on an error. Dunning then walked senior shortstop Bobby Braeckel and junior designated hitter Darnell to load the bases. Eggleston and junior Brad Ward, pinch hitting for sophomore second basemen Will Miller, both struck out looking. Senior catcher Cody Morin hit a pop fly to right field to end the game.

The nightcap was the tenth victory in a row for Central, who has scored at least ten runs in each game of the streak.

As the playoffs draw near the Lions are concentrating on the weekend series and building on the experience of the rough week.

"We've played some tough teams and I definitely think we can hang with them," Weston said.

In regards to Central, "they aren't unbeatable that's for sure."

This weekend's games are the last guaranteed home games for the team's nine seniors.

"We're going to do everything we can to get them three wins," Weston said.

TRACK & FIELD

Lions, Lady Lions shine at big meets

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It's crunch time for the Lion and Lady Lion tracksters as conference is but one week away, and meets used to qualify for nationals are down to two.

Last weekend, however, at a strictly NCAA Division I meet (with Southern the only exception) at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, some athletes got a jump start on qualification times.

"We just had an exceptional two days," women's track coach Patty Vavra said.

The women had six provisional qualifying times at the meet: Sonia Eudy in the 5,000, Amanda Harrison in the 1,500, Tina Keller in the 100 and 400 hurdles, Stephanie Wainscott in the shot put, and the relay team of DaLana Lofland, Lakisha Williamson, Keller, and Heather Hoyle.

"The distance runners just had some great performances," Vavra said. "I think every distance runner had a personal record in their events."

Among those personal bests were Jill Becker in the 800 and 1,500 and Jessica Zeidler in the 5,000.

Because of the high intensity of the meet, Vavra said it was easier for the athletes to excel.

"It's one of those meets where you could run your best time of the year and not even place," she said. "That's the kind of competition we've needed to really push ourselves."

"We've been waiting all year for some advantageous weather conditions. That, coupled with the excellent competition, gave us a chance to have some outstanding performances."

Today, Southern hosts the final meet before conference, but not all of the track athletes will be in attendance. Tomi Paalanen and Sonia Eudy have been invited to compete at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, considered to be one of the premier collegiate track and field events in the country, according to Tom Rutledge, men's track coach. Rachel Carlin will be heading to Maryville to compete in the heptathlon/decaathlon meet at Northwest Missouri State University.

The men also ran into some steep competition last weekend but had some record-setting performances as well. Freshman javelin thrower Tomi Paalanen placed first in the meet.

"Tomi had another outstanding day," Rutledge said. "He's still undefeated in the javelin, and he's still No. 5 in the nation."

On a good day for the Lion throwers, Lee Heinerikson broke the school record in the hammer.

"We had a PR (personal record) from Brian Hill in the 1,500, and also Jon Wilks ran a very strong 3,000," Rutledge said. "Dustin Franks and Jay Kocks also PR'd in the 800."

Though this season has proven a bit tough for the Lions, who are lacking depth in the sprints and jumping events, Rutledge is still looking forward to a strong conference meet and a good weekend at home.

"We're going to run some people in different races to work on foot speed," he said. "We're just trying to fine tune ourselves before conference."

TENNIS

Team nervous, hopeful going into final stretch of season

By SUSIE FRISBIE
ASSISTANT EDITOR

As any college team reaches its conference tournament, nerves and hopes struggle to create some form of balance.

The Lady Lions' tennis team began conference tournament play on Thursday and will continue through Saturday.

"I'm nervous heading into conference because I'm very competitive, and the girls I'm going to compete with are evenly matched," said No. 4 tennis player Muffy Headley. "On any given day one can beat the other. I just hope I have a good day."

Coach Jill Fisher expects Headley and others to do well at the tournament.

"I'm excited because we have a good chance of getting seeded," she said.

Fisher thinks No. 2 tennis player Heather Andrews, No. 3 Valerie Butler, and Headley all have a chance of getting seeded in singles. She also believes her No. 1 doubles team of Julie Posch and Andrews will be seeded.

Fisher believes her athletes' strong play will be an indicator of what lies ahead for the conference tournament.

"We have a good chance at scoring some points if they perform well," she said. "They've been playing their best tennis matches this last week."

Posch, the No. 1 player on the squad, believes her doubles team has a chance to win it all.

"I feel like Heather and I have a good chance to win conference," she said. "Most of the matches we've lost were close, and we took them into tie-breakers."

The conference tournament marks an end not only to the Lady Lions' tennis season, but also to Fisher's reign as head coach. Fisher, in her fourth season coaching the team, will be turning the Lady Lions over to Linda Gebauer next season. Gebauer is currently the tennis coach at Joplin High School.

Before playing tennis two years at Southwest Missouri State and two more years at Southern, Fisher also played under Gebauer at Joplin High School.

"She'll bring both structure and organization," Fisher said. "I think she'll do a good job."

Though Fisher will be leaving her coaching duties behind, she will still have her hands full.

Fisher and her husband, David, will be moving to Springfield because he has obtained a job with a pharmaceutical company. The couple is also expecting their second child in October.

Fisher believes the Lady Lions are showing a lot of promise for the future.

"We have the strongest team we've had since I've been here," she said. "It takes a couple years with strong recruiting to build a team up. I'll be leaving before the team peaks."

As a newcomer this season, Posch appreciates the time she has been able to spend under Fisher's coaching.

"I'm sad about her leaving," she said. "I'm glad I got to have her as a coach. We'll miss her."

Posch believes next season's coach, Gebauer, has already shown signs of positive coaching skills.

"She's come out already and supported us at a lot of our matches," she said.

Headley believes Gebauer will do a good job, but attributes another factor to the team's strength next season.

"I think with Coach leaving it's going to be a change," Headley said. "We'll have to adjust, but we'll do well with our senior leadership."



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No. 1 Lady Lion tennis player Julie Posch will be helping the team as they head toward conference play. p

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GOLD MEDAL DAY

Roy Miller chucks a softball during last Friday's Special Olympics competition.
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Rob Corn, Joplin, and Shelby Wyatt, junior general studies, enjoy a little spare time during the games.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Hundreds flock to games

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
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Smiles brighter than the sun, laughter of pure joy, and bubbling excitement was in the air Friday at Missouri Southern.

Around 300 volunteers and 730 athletes got together at Fred G. Hughes Stadium for the 25th annual Southwest Area Special Olympics.

Athletes from 18 southwest Missouri counties participated in running, jumping, and walking events, wheelchair races, and softball throws.

Medals and ribbons were handed out continuously during the day.

"It didn't matter what place they got," said Terria Hughey, junior nursing major. "They were all excited."

Sallie Beard, director of women's athletics, helped put together volunteers for running the events.

"We had around 100 volunteers who were running things," she said. "But there were a lot more volunteers who showed up to help. The Special Olympics

are widely supported in our area."

Hughey, along with the junior nursing class, spent the day helping out with different events, something the class does every year.

"It was a great day," she said. "I really enjoyed it, and the smiles made it worth going."

Many other groups from campus helped out with the day.

Amber Collins, freshman health promotion and wellness major, joined the Lady Lion volleyball team in helping with the high jump.

"It was really fun watching," Collins said. "They were so excited."

As an athlete herself, Collins said the athletes she watched Friday were an inspiration.

"The Special Olympics give people who are mentally and physically handicapped a chance they wouldn't normally have," she said. "I see how hard they work and what they can do. This makes me want to work harder, too."

Many of the athletes will go on to the state competition in May at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. □



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Carthage High School's Hope Jeffries takes her turn at the Softball Friday on the turf of Hughes Stadium.



David Wing, Joplin, pushes for the finish line during one Friday's races. Last weekend was the 25th annual Southwest Area Special Olympics.

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Chris Potts takes advantage of some extra time between events to play in the sand.

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